

AKAROA DOLPHINS SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Talking to Suppliers

At Akaroa Dolphins, we recognise that we have an obligation to our society & environment, and are committed to caring for it, while being mindful about what we bring into it. It is vital that our actions have a positive impact on the environment for now, and for future generations.

We aim to be an agent of change. Below are questions we ask suppliers regarding packaging.

- What sustainable options do they have and how the improvements can be proved?
- Where do their products come from and the conditions in which they are made?
- What the packaging is made of, how it can be disposed of, and whether they will take it back?
- Whether the product will be reused, recycled, or can be easily repaired?

For social practices we ask the below questions.

What is their governance, including policies related to ethics and corruption.

Do they have excellent labour practices?

We let our suppliers and potential suppliers in our region know what we need and what we expect. Involve them in our efforts to be sustainable while providing business opportunities to local enterprises. Please see our Supplier Code of Conduct.

Our Local Community Commitment

Akaroa Dolphins is committed to sourcing products that are locally made and designed, so with that will procure a minimum of 50% of its expenses from independent and local suppliers. Phasing out any suppliers who do not align with our ethical values. Some of the local suppliers we have worked with over the years and who share the same ethical values as Akaroa Dolphins include Ocean Shell, Stone the Crows, Sticky Tiki, Jill Main Merino, Little Taonga, Angie Dennis Art, Maori Boy Glassware, MZ Design Wood, and Whale Woman.

Below is a useful link to refer to:

<https://www.sbc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Sustainable-Supply-Chain-Guide.pdf>

