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Complex cross-government procurement programs

Free period products

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The ACT Government acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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What did they tell you I would be discussing?

Using the ACT Government free period products program as a case study, this discussion explores the practical challenges you face when procurement requires collaboration across multiple departments and agencies.

What approaches work best for aligning different departmental needs and approvals in a whole of government program?

How do you maintain efficiency and consistency when multiple stakeholders are involved in procurement design and delivery?

What lessons from the program can be applied to other socially focused procurement initiatives?

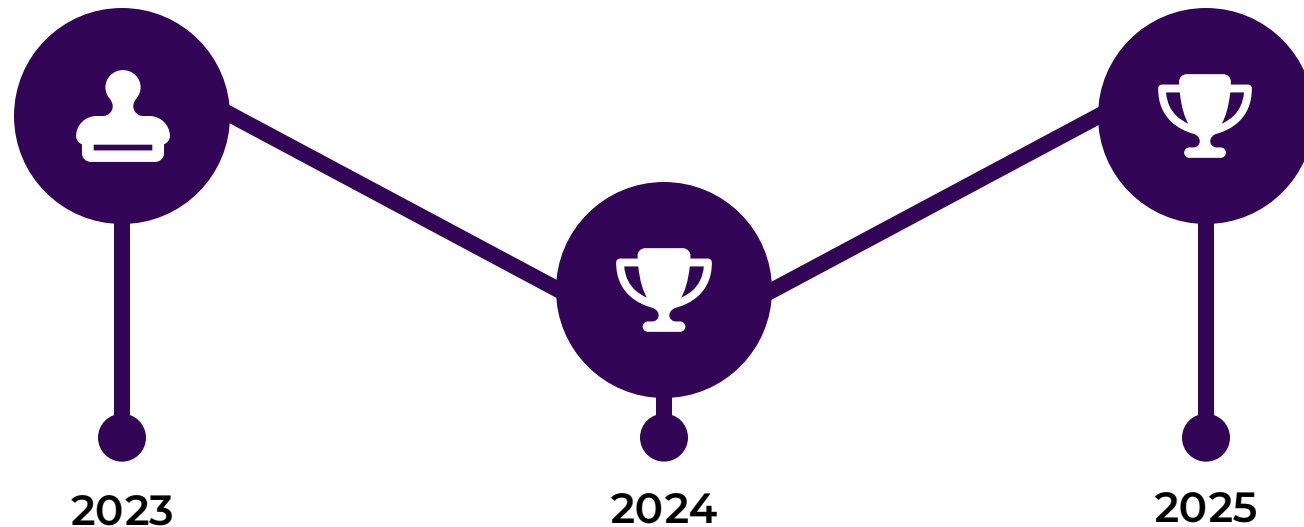
How can procurement leaders build capability to manage complex projects without slowing down outcomes?

Where did this all come from?

- **We have lived it**
- Period Products (Free Provision) Act 2021 (Scotland)
- Meanwhile in Australia...
- Share the Dignity and Education Diversa
- Canberra High School

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The procurement plan



June – Act passed
Oct/Nov – 23-24 Budget
Review BC for funding
Dec – Act commences,
initial pilot locations

July – Open tender
August – commence
evaluation
Q3/4 – finalise
evaluation
Q4 – sign contract

Q2/Q3 – evaluation
Everyone is happy.
Huzzah!

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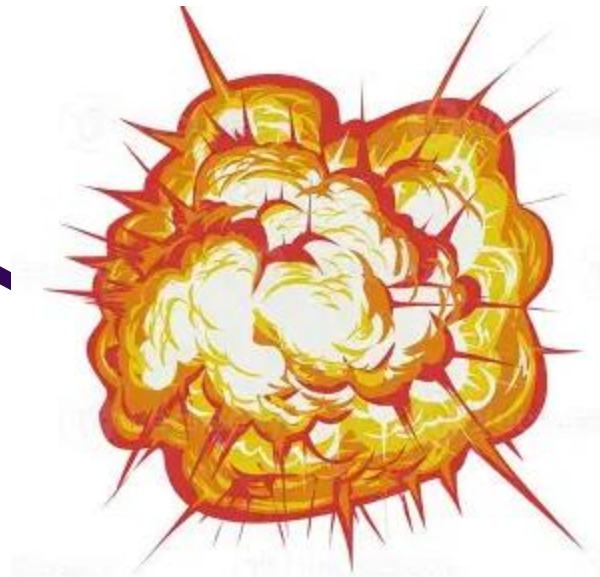


2023

June – Act passed

Oct/Nov – 23-24 Budget
Review BC for funding

Dec – Act commences,
initial pilot locations



2024

July – Open tender

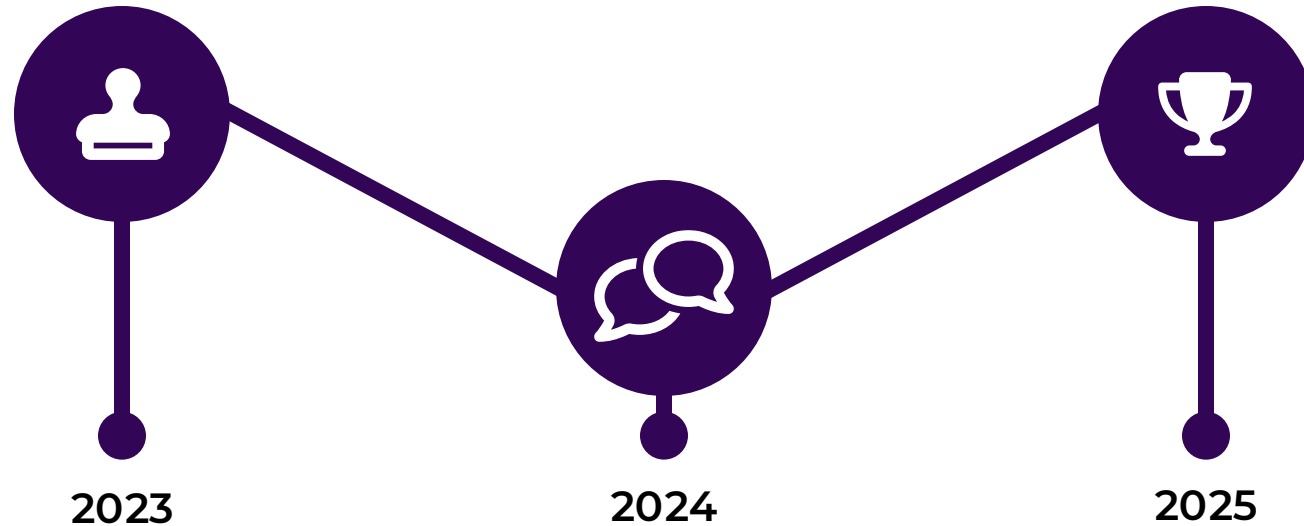
August – commence
evaluation



2025

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The procurement plan – reality



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Review BC for funding

Dec – Act commences,
initial pilot locations

July – Open tender

August – commence
evaluation

Q1/Q2 – finalise
evaluation

June – signed contract

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When next in Canberra...

- ACAT
- ACT Courts
- ACT Libraries
- ACT public hospitals
- ACT public schools
- Child and Family Centres
- Child Development Service
- CIT
- Community Health Centre and Walk-In Centre
- 220 London Circuit



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Thank you.

Any questions?

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