# AUSTRALIAN LEGAL SECTOR A L L I A N C E

PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY

# Australian Legal Sector Alliance Sustainability Insight 2022

# Swaab Firm Entry and Benchmarking Summary



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# **Our Firm**

# Swaab

Swaab

# **About Our Firm**

Swaab was established by Fredrick Swaab, in Sydney, Australia, in 1981 and has grown to become a haven for innovation, entrepreneurship, family business, small to medium enterprises, corporates, high-net-worth individuals, and government clients. We hold a unique position in the marketplace, as a firm with both full-service Commercial and Family law offerings. Our success comes from putting our people and clients first by living our values of Commitment, Integrity, Excellence, Generosity of Spirit, Unity, and Innovation. Our strong and enduring culture is the result of developing and nurturing long-term client relationships. Our Lawyers have studied Law, Media, Marketing, Science, Mathematics, Economics, and Nursing to mention a few. Most are awarding winning and accredited specialists with deep expertise in their chosen field of practice.

# **Firm Details**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Firm Name	N/A	Swaab		
Number of Employees	N/A	75	Lowest:	43
			Highest:	2,236
			Average:	504
Offices Floor Area	N/A	1,852	Lowest:	984
			Highest:	38,541
			Average:	9,814
Number of Offices	N/A	1		
Supporting files uploaded	N/A			

### Person responsible for reporting

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### User comments and notes

# **Our People**

# **About People Programs**

We know service delivery is everything to our clients. At Swaab we pride ourselves in creating an environment where people want to come to work and be inspired to do great things. We have taken the time and care to build a community that genuinely supports each other, where our people are encouraged to grow and learn, and our successes are celebrated. Taking care of each other, having fun together, and working collaboratively to ensure we deliver the best service to our clients are at our core. We measure the impact of our people programs, culture and work experience through a yearly staff satisfaction survey. We recognise and reward staff in various ways through promotion, Swaab Superstar program (a quarterly program where staff can nominate fellow colleagues for an act that is in line with our firm values), a financial incentive scheme and other initiatives including staff events. We have invested recently in the development of an EVP ( employee value proposition) as well as the development of our leaders to help build leadership skills

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark
User comments and notes			

Nil

### **Gender Equality**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Gender equality - Policy?	N/A	Yes	Yes	85%
			No	10%
			Currently in development	5%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality policy -	N/A	No	Yes	69%
Published			No	29%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality - Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality - Managed	N/A	Partner	Partner	51%
by			Director or Manager	59%
			Committee	63%
Gender Equality - Programs	N/A	International Women's Day Female advancement, mentoring and coaching	International Women's Day	95%

		Equal pay controls	Employer of Choice for Gender Equality		49%
		Women on Boards	Pay Equity Ambassador		41%
			Male Champion of Change	1	17%
			Board Links Champion		7%
			LCA Diversity and Inclusion Charter	3	39%
			Equitable briefing pledge (e.g. CommBar/LCA)	5	56%
			Host or lead externa programs and/or forums	al 6	61%
			Female advanceme mentoring and coaching	ent, 6	68%
			Training - Gender awareness unconscious bias	6	68%
			Gender sensitive promotion and recruitment	6	61%
			Internal D&I network or committees	ks 8	30%
			LSNSW Charter - Advancement of Women	4	44%
			Equal pay controls	6	53%
			DCA major sponsor	· 1	12%
			Showcasing gender diversity experience		32%
			Women on Boards	2	24%
			UN Womens' Empowerment Signatory		2%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are n covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	e or	0%
Gender Equality - Targets	N/A	No	Yes	5	56%
			No	3	37%
			Not reported		7%
Gender profile - Partners	N/A	56% Male	Lowest:	35% N	/lale
			Highest:	90% N	/lale
			Average:	67% N	lale

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Gender profile - Legal staff	N/A	41% Male	Lowest: Highest: Average:	15% Male 64% Male 42% Male
Gender profile - Non legal staff	N/A	11% Male	Lowest: Highest: Average:	4% Male 40% Male 21% Male
What proportion of all promotions of Senior Associate and Senior Manager and above were female in the last twelve months?	N/A	75% Female	Lowest: Highest: Average:	0% Female 100% Female 60% Female
(Optional Information) Please provide weblinks that are available to the public that provide additional information about your programs and commitments in this area.		https://www.swaab.com.au/ community		

Nil

# Flexible Working

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Flexible working - Policy	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Flexible working policy -	N/A	Yes	Yes	46%
Published			No	51%
			In development	2%
			Not reported	0%
Flexible working - Programs	N/A	Flexible work hours	Flexible work hours	100%
and initiatives		Part time options	Part time options	100%
		Remote working tools and systems	Job sharing	98%
			Remote working tools	100%
		Support for flexible working	and systems	
		Time in lieu	Support for flexible working	98%
		Unpaid leave		
		Carer's leave	Time in lieu	95%
		Study leave	Unpaid leave	98%
		Purchased leave	Carer's leave	100%
		Career breaks	Study leave	98%
		Phased retirement	Volunteering leave	61%

		Adjusted KPIs after absences Sabbaticals	Religious and ceremonial leave	44%
		Bonus leave	Purchased leave	85%
		Domestic violence leave	Career breaks	78%
		Family and fertility leave	Subsidised child care	15%
		r anny and fortinty feave	Phased retirement	59%
			Adjusted KPIs after absences	71%
			Sabbaticals	51%
			Bonus leave	37%
			Domestic violence leave	88%
			Family and fertility leave	56%
			School Holiday Programs	5%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	0%
Paid parental leave scheme	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Parental scheme - Primary	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%
and secondary carers			No	0%
Parental scheme - Aspects	N/A	Paid leave for primary care giver	Paid leave for primary care giver	100%
		Paid leave for secondary care giver	Paid leave for secondary care giver	98%
		Additional leave without pay available	Additional leave without pay available	95%
Paid parental leave - Primary	N/A	16	Lowest:	12
care giver			Highest:	32
			Average:	19
Paid parental leave -	N/A	2	Lowest:	2
Secondary care giver			Highest:	26
			Average:	9
Maternity leave returns	N/A	75%	Lowest:	58 %
matering loave retaine		10,0	Highest:	100 %
			Average:	90 %
			~	
(Optional Information) Please provide weblinks that are available to the public that provide additional information		https://www.swaab.com.au/ community		

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about your programs and commitments in this area.

### User comments and notes

Nil

# **Diversity and Inclusion**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Diversity policy	N/A	Yes	Yes	85%
			No	7%
			Partial	2%
			Currently in development	5%
			Not reported	0%
Diversity policy - Published	N/A	No	Yes	57%
			No	40%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Diversity policy - Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes	93%
			No	7%
			Not reported	0%
Diversity policy - Managed by	N/A	Partner	Partner	59%
			Director or Manager	68%
			Committee	76%
Disability accessibility	N/A	Yes	Yes	71%
standards?			No	20%
			Currently in development	7%
			Not reported	2%
What kind of diversity and inclusion activities or	N/A	External D&I programs and/ or forums hosting	Recruitment and promotion for D&I	71%
programs does your firm engage in?		Training - Awareness and unconscious bias	Internal D&I networks or committees	83%
			Membership - DCA	61%
			LCA Diversity and Inclusion Charter	41%
			External D&I programs and/or forums hosting	51%
			Training - Awareness and unconscious bias	78%
			Membership - Aust Network On Disability	20%

Staff Surveys - D&I	63%
Managing Partners Diversity Forum	20%
Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	0%

(Optional Information) Please N/A provide weblinks that are available to the public that provide additional information about your programs and commitments in this area.

### User comments and notes

Nil

# **LGBTQ+** Inclusion

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
LGBTI inclusiveness - Policy	N/A	Yes	Yes	78%
			No	17%
			Not reported	5%
LGBTI inclusiveness policy -	N/A	No	Yes	56%
Published			No	41%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%
LGBTI inclusiveness -	N/A	Yes	Yes	85%
Managed			No	12%
			Not reported	2%
LGBTI inclusiveness -	N/A	Partner	Partner	54%
Managed by			Director or Manager	59%
			Committee	78%
LGBTI inclusiveness - Activities or programs	N/A	Wear it Purple Day	Membership - Pride in Diversity	49%
			Training - LGBTQ+ awareness	66%
			AWEI survey	37%
			IDAHOBIT	61%
			Wear it Purple Day	80%
			World Aids Day	29%

https://www.meritas.org/

Membership - Out f Australia	or 7%
Internal LGBTQ + networks or committees	63%
Pro bono support	61%
LCA Diversity and Inclusion Charter	0%
External LGBTQ+ programs hosting	37%
Training - LGBTQ+ awareness	54%
Gender pronouns promotion	63%
Trans Awareness Week	22%
Pride March	15%
Mardi Gras	32%
Midsumma	17%
Gender affirmation policy	37%
InterFirm events	29%
AWEI award	29%
Stonewall top Globa Employer	al 7%
Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are r covered in the broa categories above - max 20 words	nor

Nil

# Physical and Psychological Wellbeing

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Psychological well-being -	N/A	Yes	Yes	88%
Policy or strategy			No	10%
			Not reported	2%
Psychological well-being	N/A	No	Yes	39%
policy or strategy - Published			No	56%
			In development	6%
			Not reported	0%

Psychological well-being - Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes No Not reported	88% 7% 5%
Psychological well-being - Managed by	N/A	Partner	Partner Director or Manager Committee	44% 76% 46%
Psychological wellbeing - Programs or activities	N/A	Minds Count -TJMF Guidelines Beyond Blue program R U OK? program Black Dog Institute program Psychological support/ EAP Mental health first aid training and support Mental Health Awareness Week Resilience at Law Training - Mental health awareness and management Salary continuance External mental health programs hosting Mental health office champion	Minds Count -TJMF Guidelines Beyond Blue program R U OK? program Black Dog Institute program Psychological support/ EAP Mental health first aid training and support Mental Health Awareness Week Resilience at Law Training - Mental health awareness and management Salary continuance External mental health programs hosting Domestic violence strategy Mental health office champion Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	51% 27% 29% 98% 80% 66% 27% 68% 59% 44% 61% 46% 0%
Physical and psychological well-being - Monitoring	N/A	Yes	Yes No Currently in development Not reported	76% 15% 7% 2%
Physical health and well- being - Policy or strategy?	N/A	Yes	Yes No Not reported	80% 17% 2%
Physical health and well- being policy or strategy - Published	N/A	No	Yes No In development	39% 58% 3%

			Not reported	0%
Physical well-being - Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes No Not reported	85% 10% 5%
Physical well-being - Managed by	N/A	Partner	Partner Director or Manager Committee	44% 73% 51%
Physical well-being programs or initiatives	N/A	Proactive health checks Flu vaccinations Internal exercise sessions Gym memberships Team events Wellness awareness and promotion Onsite fruit and healthy catering Life & TPD insurance	Ergonomics program Proactive health checks Flu vaccinations Internal exercise sessions Gym memberships Team events Massages Wellness awareness and promotion Subsidised health insurance Onsite fruit and healthy catering Life & TPD insurance Ergonomics program - offsite Health EAP Other programs not included above	93% 63% 100% 66% 49% 83% 24% 85% 41% 90% 27% 27% 63% 0%
(Optional Information) Please	N/A	https://www.swaab.com.au/	(please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	
provide weblinks that are available to the public that provide additional information about your programs and commitments in this area.		careers		

Nil

# Staff Development

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark

Staff development program	N/A	Yes	Yes	98%
			No	0%
			In development	2%
			Not reported	0%
Staff development program -	N/A	Partners	Partners	98%
Coverage		Lawyers	Lawyers	98%
		Business Support Staff	Business Support Staff	98%
Staff development program -	N/A	Coaching	Coaching	95%
Activities and initiatives		Mentoring	Mentoring	90%
		Professional skills	Professional skills	100%
		Internally delivered training programs	Internally delivered training programs	100%
		Attending external training or seminars	Attending external training or seminars	100%
		Substantive Law	Substantive Law	90%
		Personal development	Personal development	98%
		Technology training	Technology training	95%
		Internal policy training	Internal policy training	98%
			Other (please specify, max 20 words)	12%
Staff development program -	N/A	Yes	Yes	98%
Resourcing			No	0%
			In development	2%
			Not reported	0%

Nil

# **Data Validation**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
l confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%

### User comments and notes

# Community

# **About Community Programs**

We firmly believe that lawyers don't mere¬ly have a duty to the court and to their clients—we also have a duty to behave with the utmost integrity and humanity. This belief runs through everything we do. It's because we believe that actions speak loud¬er than words that we do pro bono work, get involved in chari¬ty fundrais¬ing, promote social equality causes, and do whatever we can to minimize our impact on the environment. Priorities include: • Minds Count Foundation • LifeLine • Tour de Cure • Leukaemia Foundation • Cancer Council • Gotcha4Life

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark
(Optional Information) Please provide weblinks that are available to the public that provide additional information about your programs and commitments in this area.		https://www.swaab.com.au/ community	

### User comments and notes

Nil

# Legal Pro Bono

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Pro bono - Strategy	N/A	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	7%
			In development	2%
			Not reported	0%
Pro bono Strategy -	N/A	Yes	Yes	51%
published			No	41%
			In development	8%
			Not reported	0%
Pro bono Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes	88%
			No	7%
			In development	5%
			Not reported	0%
Pro bono coordinator - Managed by	N/A	Partner		
Pro bono coordinator - Full-	N/A	Full-time	Full-time	50%
time or part-time role			Part-time	44%

			No coordinator or manager Not reported	0% 6%
Australian Pro Bono Centre Aspirational Target -	N/A	No	Yes No	80% 17%
Signatory			In development	2%
			Not reported	0%
Australian Pro Bono Centre	N/A	No date currently set	Target currently met	41%
Aspirational Target - Plan			Goal date has been set	15%
			No date currently set	44%

Nil

# Non Legal Volunteering

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Support for board positions of	F N/A	Yes	Yes	88%
organisations for social and environmental good			No	5%
environmental good			Not reported	7%
Non legal volunteering -	N/A	Currently in development	Yes	80%
Support			Yes No Not reported Yes Currently in development No Not reported NFP Boards Organised staff volunteering Paid volunteer time Charity events and appeals Blood donations Student tutoring and mentoring Secondments to NFPs Skilled volunteering program Community volunteering Arts support CPD for community	10%
			No	10%
			Not reported	0%
Non-legal volunteering -	N/A	NFP Boards	NFP Boards	80%
Activities		Organised staff volunteering Blood donations Student tutoring and mentoring Secondments to NFPs		83%
			Paid volunteer time	51%
				0%
			••	
	CPD for community sector		51%	
		CPD for community sector lawyers	•	56%
			Secondments to NFPs	34%
			•	32%
				80%
			Arts support	22%
			5	32%
			Other programs not included above	0%

			(please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	
Does your firm collect	N/A	No	Yes	20%
data on the levels of staff			No	37%
participation in non-legal volunteering?			In development	44%

Nil

# **Corporate and Workplace Giving**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Corporate giving - Program?	N/A	Yes	Yes	88%
			No	12%
			Not reported	0%
Corporate giving - Activities	N/A	Firm donation program Charitable foundation	Yes No Not reported Firm donation program Charitable foundation Workplace giving Matched funding for employee donations Internal appeals and	78%
		Workplace giving	Charitable foundation	41%
		Matched funding for	Workplace giving	71%
		employee donations External charity events and appeals Host external charity events		76%
				90%
			2	73%
			not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above -	0%
			-	39%
Does your firm collect data	N/A	Yes	Yes	29%
on levels of staff participation			No	46%
in corporate supported giving programs?			In development	24%
Corporate sponsored giving -	N/A	31%	Lowest:	3 %
Employee participation			Highest:	90 %
			Average:	30 %

Nil

# Indigenous Reconciliation

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Indigenous reconciliation -	N/A	No	Yes	59%
Policy?			No	10%
			Currently in development	27%
			Not reported	5%
Indigenous reconciliation - Activities or programs	N/A	NAIDOC Week Pro bono support	Reconciliation Action Plan	59%
			Cultural awareness training	71%
			NAIDOC Week	80%
			National Reconciliation Week	73%
			Internships and employment	59%
			Scholarships and student mentoring	49%
			Indigenous employment and internship programs	0%
			Affirmative ATSI procurement	37%
			Pro bono support	78%
			Volunteering and secondments	39%
			Collaboration for reconciliation	41%
			Funding and donations	59%
			Indigenous Business Month	10%
			Indigenous Literacy Day	15%
			Supply Nation Membership	20%
			CareerTrackers participation	37%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	0%

Nil

# **Data Validation**

	Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
I	l confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%

### User comments and notes

# Environment

# **Environmental Management**

A founding member of the Australian Legal Sector Alliance (AusLSA), an industry-led association with a mission to work collaboratively to promote sustainable practices across the legal sector. Swaab is committed to our initiatives, both simple and complex, we have introduced stationery recycling drives, waste recycling, and reducing power usage through such initiatives as meeting room lighting reductions and utilities such as follow me print to avoid unnecessary printing. We continue to encourage a paper-lite approach to encourage everyone to reduce paper use.

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Environment -Policy?	N/A	Yes	Yes	80%
			No	10%
			Currently in development	10%
			Not reported	0%
Environment policy -	N/A	No	Yes	55%
Published			No	36%
			In development	9%
			Not reported	0%
Environment Policy - Includes	3 N/A	Yes	Yes	67%
supply chain impacts			No	9%
			In development	18%
			Not reported	6%
Environment - Managed	N/A	Yes	Yes	78%
			No	20%
			Not reported	2%
Environment - Managed by	N/A	Partner	Partner	34%
			Director or Manager	54%
			Committee	29%
Green office - Activities or programs	N/A	World Environment Day	World Environment Day	54%
			Office green teams	24%
			Sustainability Advantage (NSW)	5%
			CitySwitch Green Office	24%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad	0%

categories above -	-
max 20 words	

Environmental Targets	N/A	Yes	Yes	66%
			No	22%
			Not reported	12%
Environmental Management	N/A	No	Yes	27%
System (EMS)			No	51%
			Currently in development	17%
			Not reported	5%

Nil

# **Climate Change Action**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Do you have a formally approved greenhouse gas	N/A	No	Yes	29%
emissions reduction policy?			No In progress	41% 29%
Who has the responsibility to oversee and implement the	N/A	Director or Manager	Partner	24%
greenhouse gas emissions reduction policy and report back to the leadership team? (select all that are appropriate)			Director or Manager Committee	39% 34%
Do you have a formally approved and resourced greenhouse reduction action plan?	N/A	No	Yes No In progress	17% 46% 37%
Does your firm have	N/A	No	Yes	22%
greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets?			No	46%
<b>.</b>			In progress	32%
Renewable electricity	N/A	0	Lowest:	0
generated onsite			Highest:	266,857
			Average:	6,509
Renewable electricity	N/A	kWh	kWh	100%
generated onsite unit			MJ	0%
			GJ	0%

Carbon offset credits purchased	N/A	0	Lowest: Highest: Average:	0 10,592 1,026
purchased What kind of greenhouse gas and energy reduction initiatives does your firm engage in?	N/A	Telecommuting Green Star rated buildings 4-6 star Energy efficient refits undertaken National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGERs) compliant reporting Specify energy efficient appliances Teleconferencing facilities and training Earth Hour Ride to Work Day End of trip facilities Climate Active Program NABERSs Energy Rating Efficient building and lighting automation	•	
			Renewable Electricity Voluntary Carbon Offsets Energy audits in previous two years	27% 24% 17%

Nil

**92** Gross total emissions CO2e **1.23** Gross emissions per employee CO2e **0.05** Gross emissions per floor area CO2e

# **Carbon emission sources**

Scope 1	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
On-Site Combustion	0.00	0.0000	0.0000
Company Vehicles	0.00	0.0000	0.0000
Refrigerants	0.38	0.0050	0.0002

Scope 2	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
Purchased Electricity	82.44	1.0992	0.0445

Scope 3	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
Flights	7.91	0.1054	0.0043
Taxis	1.27	0.0169	0.0007
Hire Cars	0.00	0.0000	0.0000
Personal Vehicles	0.00	0.0000	0.0000

# Electricity

Electricity Type	State	Consumption (kWh)
Purchased electricity (General)	NSW	91,601

# **Natural Gas**

Gas Type	State	Consumption (MJ)

No data available.

# **Domestic Air Travel**

Seat Class	Distance (km)	Number of Flights
Economy	3,726	N/A
Business	0	N/A

# International Air Travel

Seat Class	Distance (km)	Number of Flights
Economy	46,618	N/A
Business	0	N/A
First Class	0	N/A

# **Car Travel**

Vehicle Type	Number of journeys	Distance (km)	Spend (AUD)
Taxi	N/A	6,082	N/A
Hire Cars	N/A	0	N/A
Company Cars	N/A	0	N/A
Personal Cars	N/A	0	N/A

# **Refrigerant Loss**

Fridge Type	Number of Units
Bar Fridges/freezers	4
Standard Fridges/freezers	6
Commercial Fridges/freezers	0
Standalone Air Conditioning Units	0

# Inhouse Paper Consumption

Paper size	Paper weight (gsm)	Paper purchased (reams)	Green label	% recycled content
A4	80	1,022	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	0
A4	120	1	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	0

Paper size	Paper weight (gsm)	Paper purchased (reams)	Green label	% recycled content
A3	80	18	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	0

# **Outsourced Paper Consumption**

No of impressions (sheets)	% of impressions that are printed double sided
38,718	3

# **Total Paper Consumption**

Туре	Paper Consumption (kg)
Ream consumption	2,643.24
Outsourced Printing	190.29
Total paper consumption	2,833.53

0	37.78	1.53
% recycled paper purchased	Total paper consumption per employee	Total paper consumption per floor area

# Waste

Waste type	Facilities available	Percentage of sites where available
Paper & cardboard recycling	Available	100
Comingles recycling	Not Available	
Organic waste treatment/recycling	Not Available	
e-Waste reuse or recycling	Available	100

# **Carbon mitigation activities**

Emissions Avoided from Green Tariff Electricity

### **Tonnes CO2e**

0.00

Voluntary carbon offsetting

Activity

0.00

92.00 Net total emissions CO2e 1.23 Net total emissions per employee CO2e



# Governance

# **About Governance Programs**

Swaab has a formal policy on sustainability. The five pillars of the firm's sustainability initiative are people, community, environment, pro bono and supply chain. Sustainability is regarded as an integral part of our business management practice. We have a sustainability committee comprised of partners and staff who take responsibility for each pillar of the sustainability initiative. We are signatory to the Law Council's Diversity Equality Charter, Charter for the Advancement of Women and Law9000 certified

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#### User comments and notes

Nil

# **Sustainable Supply Chain Management**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Sustainable Supply Chain	N/A	Yes	In development	27%
Management - Program?			Yes	54%
			No	20%
			Not reported	0%
Sustainable Supply Chain Management - Application	N/A	To both existing and new suppliers and products	To new suppliers and products	9%
			To both existing and new suppliers and products	91%
Sustainable Supply Chain	N/A	Human rights	Human rights	44%
Management Coverage		Environmental impacts Fair labour practices Fair consumer and competition practices	Environmental impacts	44%
			Fair labour practices	39%
			Fair consumer and	22%
		Gender equality	competition practices	000/
		Diversity and Inclusion	Community development	29%
			Indigenous inclusion	41%
			Gender equality	44%

			Sustainable development goals	0%
			Modern Slavery	46%
			Diversity and Inclusion Fraud bribery & corruption UN Global compact and SDGs	39%
				34% 15%
			Other (please specify, max 20 words)	0%
Does your policy consider potential positive and negative downstream consequences that may	N/A	Yes	Yes	29%
			No	27%
			In development	37%
arise from your services and products?			Not Reported	7%
Does your firm have a formal program to manage the risks of Modern Slavery in our procurement?	N/A	In development	In development	32%
			Yes	56%
			No	12%
Does your firm plan to provide modern slavery statement under the Federal	N/A	No	Yes	46%
			No	29%
legislation?			In development	12%
			Not Reported	12%

Nil

# **Code of Conduct**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Code of conduct in place	N/A	Yes	Yes	93%
			No	0%
			Currently in development	7%
			Not reported	0%
Code of conduct - Training?	N/A	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	5%
			Currently in development	5%
			Not reported	0%
Documented complaints and grievance mechanism	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%

Nil

# **Risk Management**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Risk management plan	N/A	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	7%
			Not reported	2%
Business Continuity Plan (BCP) or Emergency Response Plan (ERP)	N/A	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	0%
			Not reported	2%
			Currently in development	7%

### User comments and notes

Nil

# **Sustainability Reporting**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
Sustainability Reporting -	N/A	No	Yes	41%
Published			No	51%
			In development	5%
			Not reported	2%
Firms' AusLSA reporting -	N/A	Yes	Yes	39%
Promotion			No	29%
			In development	29%
			Not reported	2%
(Optional Information) Please provide weblinks that are available to the public that	N/A	https://www.swaab.com.au community	u/	

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provide additional information about your programs and commitments in this area.

# **Data Validation**

Question	2021 Response	2022 Response	2022 Benchmark	
l confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	N/A	Yes	Yes	100%

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