

# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

#### 1. ABOUT THIS STATEMENT

CyberCX is pleased to present its 2023 Modern Slavery Statement (**Statement**) covering the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (**Relevant Period**) in accordance with the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)* (the **Act**).

This is our third Modern Slavery Statement. Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, the CyberCX group consists of over 20 wholly owned, related bodies corporate across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Modern Slavery Act defines 'Modern Slavery' as including eight types of serious exploitation: trafficking in persons, slavery, servitude, forced marriage, forced labour, debt bondage, the worst forms of child labour and deceptive recruiting for labour or services. Further, the *United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights*<sup>1</sup> provide guidance for companies to prevent, address and remedy human rights abuses committed in business operations, which is consistent with the Modern Slavery Act.

As a people-focused business with the purpose to 'protect the communities in which we live', we take seriously the importance of human and workplace rights, the principles set out in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup>, and the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights<sup>3</sup>.

CyberCX leverages these frameworks in undertaking its Modern Slavery assessments and disclosure, consistent with best practice.

CyberCX is committed to continuous improvement and taking proactive steps to ensure that Modern Slavery does not occur in our own business and supply chains, as now overseen by our Modern Slavery Working Group, our Risk Committee and ultimately our Board.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available at www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/un-guiding-principles-on-business-human-rights/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> United Nations, 1948. Universal Declaration of Human Rights available at <a href="https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-ofhuman-rights">www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-ofhuman-rights</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> United Nations UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human available at <a href="https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/unguiding-principles-on-business-human-rights/">www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/unguiding-principles-on-business-human-rights/</a>

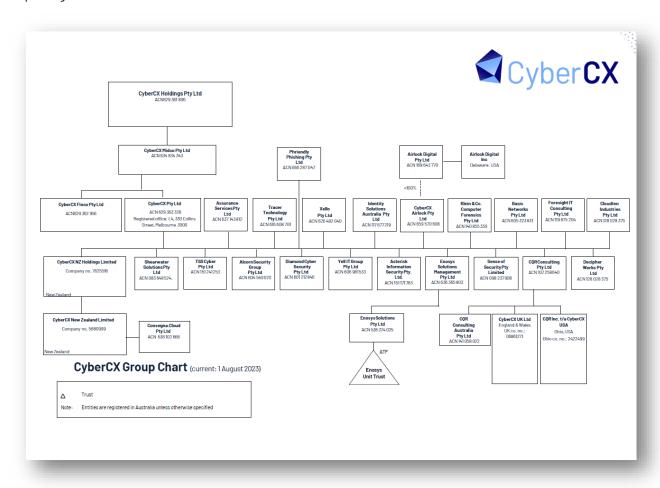


## 2. OUR REPORTING ENTITIES

In accordance with the Act, the reporting entities for this Statement are:

- CyberCX Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 629 361 806)
- CyberCX Midco Pty Ltd (ACN 634 834 343)
- CyberCX Finco Pty Ltd (ACN 629 362 956)
- CyberCX Pty Ltd ACN (629 363 328)

(the **Reporting Entities**). This is a joint statement under section 14 of the Act with respect to these Reporting Entities.



## 3. CYBERCX'S BUISNESS, STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

#### 3.1 Our business

CyberCX has not changed its business structure materially from previous statements. CyberCX is Australia and New Zealand's largest, leading independent cyber security services organisation, unifying the largest number of cyber security and cloud security experts to provide the most comprehensive range of cyber security services to our customers.





Our Vision is to be 'The greatest force of cyber security experts in Australia and New Zealand – with global ambitions' and our Purpose is to 'Secure our communities' by providing the most comprehensive range of end to end cyber security services to our clients.

Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, the vast majority of our 1400+ team is located in Australia and New Zealand; we also provide services to customers in the United Kingdom, European Union and the United States through small teams on the ground in those locations.



We partner with enterprise and public sector organisations to support their cyber risk management and reduction practices in an increasingly complex and challenging threat environment. We strive to make the online environment safe and to secure and support the communities in which we live. This purpose is described on our website and embedded in our Code of Conduct. Consistent with this purpose, we are committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in our operations and supply chains.

#### 3.2 Operations



CyberCX is principally involved in the delivery of critical, complex cyber security consulting services to government and business customers. While we partner with and resell leading technology (SaaS and hardware) providers to support our customers' needs, our DNA is grounded in people-orientated consultancy services to advise our clients on industry best practices and support their pathway to being cyber secure.

Our facilities consistent of 13 corporate offices for our team members to work and collaborate in (3 being serviced offices managed by a third-party provider), spread across Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

#### 3.3 Key supply chains areas

Our supply chain has remained consistent with previous Statements, and our key areas of expenditure relate to goods and services that provide the infrastructure, facilities and other support required to enable the delivery of our services in the following key categories: Technology & hardware; Premises & facilities; Professional services; Staff items; and Travel & expenses.



#### 4. RISKS: FY2023 ASSEMENT OF OUR MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

Consistent with previous Statements, in the Reporting Period our legal, finance and vendor sourcing teams have continued to map our evolving supply chain to assess potential Modern Slavery risks.

In the Reporting Period, CyberCX had over 720 suppliers in our operational supply chain. Less than 170 suppliers received an annual expenditure from CyberCX of more than \$100,000, and of those, 111 were for internal consumption (the majority being soft-services such as insurance, accounting, telecommunications/utilities, cleaning, marketing and software).

Excluding remuneration, our major categories of procurement are:

#### **AREA**

#### **EXPOSURE TO MODERN SLAVERY RISKS**



#### **Technology and hardware**

Data storage, hardware and software supply, including resale to customers

Electronics is recognised as a high-risk industry globally. We procure from leading Tier 1 globally recognised suppliers who have mature measures to reduce Modern Slavery risks in their supply chains, including independent auditing and public reporting of key measures and KPIs.



#### **Premises and Facilities**

Rental, cleaning, energy and related

Cleaning services are recognised as high-risk services globally. CyberCX uses the cleaning services provided by the building management (usually large, superannuation-backed infrastructure managers with mature reporting arrangements) at each of our office sites.



#### **Professional Services**

Insurance, audit, legal, accounting and taxation services

While professional services can pose modern slavery risks, given that CyberCX sources these services predominantly from Australia and New Zealand, these are not considered high risk.



#### Staff items

Staff apparel and merchandise

Coffee and other office consumables

Textiles is considered a high-risk industry globally. We procure staff apparel and merchandise from local suppliers We acknowledge production of a portion of our merchandise is likely to be undertaken in China, a country which may present a higher risk of Modern Slavery practices.

While our Coffee is sourced from trusted local partners and distributors, the coffee supply chain to the farm, may present a higher risk of Modern Slavery practices.



#### Travel and expenses

Not considered high risk services given that nearly all travel occurs within Australia, and international travel will be with major airlines and at reputable and well regarded hotels.



#### 5. ACTIONS: FY2023 ACTIONS TO MITIGATE OUR MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

#### 5.1 Governance and management

CyberCX has a mature corporate governance policy framework to deal with the identification and management of risk across the business; specifically concerning Modern Slavery:

**Supplier Code of Conduct** (adopted in the Reporting Period) – sets out the minimum standards of behaviour that CyberCX expects of suppliers who provide us goods and services consistent with international (UN) and domestic treaties and legal frameworks, and codifies our expectations that each supplier must:

- support the protection of human rights of Workers and their communities, monitor their work environments and supply chains for any instances of Modern Slavery, and prevent such instances occurring.
- notify CyberCX on becoming aware of any instances of Modern Slavery in its workplaces or supply chain.

Each supplier to CyberCX is expected to comply with this Code;, we are progressively incorporating contractual compliance where able.

**CyberCX Code of Conduct** – provides that CyberCX seeks to foster a culture of compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and internal policies; and that each director, employee and contractor must act lawfully and with integrity, should report via the whistleblower channels any instances of suspected unethical or illegal conduct, and that when engaging with external stakeholders and contractors outside of the workplace should consider the appropriateness of those activities and whether they accord with the Code.

These statements are supported by our **Whistleblower Policy** (which encourages notification of illegal or unethical conduct or wrongdoing, such as Modern Slavery via our anonymous whistleblower service) and our **Environment Social and Governance (ESG) Policy** (which outlines a core principle of promoting the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour, the effective abolition of child labour, and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation).

In the Reporting Period we have taken the following steps to improve our Modern Slavery governance and management practices:

- Firstly, we have advanced our governance controls by developing a standing governance working group to administer and guide our overall Modern Slavery risk management approach (Committee). The Committee reports to the Group General Counsel and is made up of cross-functional representatives who have responsibility for supply chain management in their functional areas (eg, IT; operations, administration and property; human resources). The Committee will meet regularly (no less than quarterly) and provide a quarterly report to the CEO and CFO on actions taken to identify and manage Modern Slavery risks in our supply chain. This will then be fed into the formal CyberCX risk management reporting to the Board on bi-annual basis. Following feedback and consultation with key staff representatives, the Committee will meet and ratify its charter in Q3 2024.
- Secondly, we continued our ongoing review and stress testing of our employment wages and conditions which did not identify any issues in the Reporting Period.
- Thirdly, we have assessed a number of Modern Slavery training courses for roll-out to (i) core CyberCX team members who (in their day to day role) have an active responsibility in managing and mitigating Modern Slavery risks and (ii) our general employee base. We have



selected a preferred set of training modules which we are currently adapting to use for deployment in H2 FY2024.

#### 5.2 Ongoing supplier assessments

By and large, our top supply chain participants by spend have not changed over previous years, being large, global IT hardware and services providers. Given that we are unlikely to be able to materially influence their supply chain decisions, in this Reporting Period, we have focused efforts on conducting a desktop assessment of the Modern Slavery materials that are publicly available for our top 5 global IT vendors by revenue – Cisco, CrowdStrike, OKTA, Palo Alto, Splunk and Tenable – to confirm they are taking steps to identify, manage and reduce Modern Slavery risks. Based on the information available, no remediation actions have been identified through that desktop assessment.

Building on our previous report, in the Reporting Period CyberCX conducted its annual (as well as targeted) survey and questioning of our suppliers to ascertain any Modern Slavery risks, any events of Modern Slavery, and overall compliance with the goals of our Modern Slavery Policy and Supplier Code of Conduct. We surveyed all our suppliers with annual spend of >AUD\$150,000, as well as our corporate office cleaners; we received a 24% response rate. Of the responses received, not all suppliers identified that they had policies, processes or training in place to identify and manage Modern Slavery risks, though there were no instances of Modern Slavery disclosed. Disappointingly, none of our corporate office cleaners responded. This will be an area of action and focus in FY2024 given staff in this sector are at risk of Modern Slavery practices.<sup>4</sup>

#### 5.3 Customer onboarding

It is now standard practice for our customers to require CyberCX to contractually agree to certain Modern Slavery commitments as part of their services arrangements or request for tender processes. Further, we participated in over 50 annual Modern Slavery compliance processes of our customers. More recently, we have been invited to undertake a 'deep dive' Modern Slavery review process with one of CyberCX's major corporate customers. In this instance the customer provided us their detailed analysis of our FY21 and FY22 Statements, along with our recent annual Modern Slavery compliance questionnaire responses, applauding areas of our approach to date and providing a number of useful observations on future improvements (eg, further supplier education, increase 'impact to worker' (ie, how impactful is the measure to reducing risks faced by at-risk workers) as an evaluation criteria, expand visibility and assessment of deeper tiers of supply chain). We are also committed to jointly reviewing our progress and actions in 12 months' time with this same customer. We will seek to action these observations in FY2024 and FY2025.

#### 5.4 Supplier onboarding

We have continued to use reasonable efforts to insert our standard contractual positions to give us insight and rights concerning Modern Slavery risks in our suppliers. In the Reporting Period, we successfully included these in 9 vendors contracts.

#### 5.5 Conducted an external Modern Slavery assessment

We also took part in an external Modern Slavery Assessment where both our FY2021 and FY22 Modern Slavery Statements were analysed by an external party to identify areas for improvement. We then implemented appropriate changes to this Statement and our procedures as a result, as well as identified areas of improvement for future reporting periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Australian Human Rights Commission - <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/business-and-human-rights/projects/tackling-modern-slavery-and-labour-exploitation">https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/business-and-human-rights/projects/tackling-modern-slavery-and-labour-exploitation</a>



#### 6. EFFECTIVENESS: ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR FY2023 ACTIONS

We believe the actions taken in this Reporting Period have helped us make further progress to embed and improve our response and strategies toward mitigating and, where possible, eliminating Modern Slavery risks in our supply chain. Our ongoing due diligence questionnaires put to our suppliers provided us with insights into our suppliers and their activities.

Our response rate from our international suppliers is traditionally low and in the Reporting Period this trend continued (with many simply referring to their published Modern Slavery Statements or reports). Of those that did respond, some of the highlights include:

- (1) A small but significant proportion of our medium sized vendors are yet to include contractual provisions with their suppliers to enforce anti Modern Slavery protections.
- (2) Three (3) of our vendors refused to confirm they accept (or had read) our Supplier Code of Conduct which has prompted further conversations with those suppliers.
- (3) A proportion of our vendors did not have any audit methods yet in place for their supply chains. Of these, some were working on Human Rights Impact assessments, while others did not believe their professional services businesses had a need for one in relation to the goods they supply to us. A number of these vendors noted their internal consumption relied on large suppliers' (such as Apple and Microsoft) public Modern Slavery reports and statements.
- (4) A small number of our vendors were yet to conduct any training or internal awareness raising about Modern Slavery. Of these, several were smaller businesses with minimal capacity for such (and in most cases, not bound by any Modern Slavery reporting legislation).
- (5) None of our suppliers were aware of any actual or suspected instances of Modern Slavery in their supply chains, nor had been subject to any legal claims related to Modern Slavery or breaches of any industrial relations laws in their jurisdiction. In Q3/Q4 of FY2024 we intend to make further inquiries here due to the mismatch between some supplier's lack of Modern Slavery awareness and their capacity to make this representation.

The results of this latest round of due diligence will be further analyzed by our Committee and recommendations made as to any education, training or remediation support we can offer to these vendors while factoring in those vendor's size and capacity. For any large vendors that are substantially non-compliant, CyberCX would seek to work with them to improve their attitudes to Modern Slavery identification and mitigation, and otherwise, we may reconsider our relationships with such vendors.

In our last report we noted we were working towards improved systems for due diligence and monitoring, and while we have made progress in the Reporting Period, we feel we have further improvements to be made in this area. This will be a goal of the Committee's work across future reporting periods.

#### 7. NEXT STEPS AND COMMITMENTS

#### Our focus areas for 2023-2024

Based on the work undertaken to date to understand, manage and mitigate risks in our supply chain, in FY2024, our focus areas for continuous improvement are:

- Embedding and fully activating the Committee to broaden and deepen our approach to Modern Slavery across the business and reporting up to and including the Board.
- Implementing a Modern Slavery Risk Matrix as part of embedding Modern Slavery risks into our broader CyberCX Risk Management framework.
- Conducting a 'deep dive' into our corporate cleaning contractors.
- Rolling out comprehensive Modern Slavery training to key business stakeholders with Modern Slavery accountabilities, and general Modern Slavery training to the entire business.



- Continued work to identify "high risk" suppliers in our supply chain where we can influence Modern Slavery outcomes, and conducting a further deep dive as applicable.
- Continued implementation of appropriate Modern Slavery contractual requirements as able.
- Actioning as appropriate customer-received observations.

## 8. OUR CONSULTATION APPROACH

All various wholly owned subsidiaries in the CyberCX group are integrally connected to CyberCX, with shared management, governance, risk and other corporate functions. Given this, we have conducted an internal consultation process across key stakeholders of our executive leadership team, finance and relevant supply chain managers to execute activities and write this Statement.

## 9. APPROVAL

In accordance with Section 13(2) of the Modern Slavery Act, this Statement was approved by the Board of CyberCX Holdings Pty Ltd on 20 December 2023.

The Board is the principal governing body of CyberCX for the purposes of approving this Statement. This Board has authorised John Paitaridis, Chief Executive Officer, to sign this Statement.

20 December 2023

Date

John Paitaridis Chief Executive Officer CyberCX



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