

## GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Vision Kitchens & Joinery ('Vision Kitchens') aims to fulfil its obligations under the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012* (Cth) ('the Act'), by developing and implementing a workplace program which will attempt to eliminate discrimination and contribute to gender equality in employment and in the workplace.

### 2. COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

- 2.1 This Policy will commence from 2/11/2021. It replaces all other Gender Equality policies of Vision Kitchens (whether written or not).

### 3. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

- 3.1 This Policy applies to employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors) of Vision Kitchens, collectively referred to in this Policy as 'workplace participants'.
- 3.2 This Policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment. Nor does it form part of any other workplace participant's contract for services.

### 4. AIM OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE

- 4.1 Vision Kitchens aims to provide and improve gender equality in the workplace. To enable a workplace which promotes equality, Vision Kitchens will aim to remove any barriers that prevent women in our workplace from achieving equality.
- 4.2 This action does not mean that a quota system will be put in place or that men will be discriminated against. What it does mean is that, Vision Kitchens will aim to base employment and contractual decisions, such as recruitment and promotion, on the principle of merit.
- 4.3 Vision Kitchens aims to eliminate discrimination on the basis of gender in relation to employment matters and Vision Kitchens encourages a workplace where Vision Kitchens and its employees are able to consult on issues concerning gender equality in employment and in the workplace.
- 4.4 These actions are about attempting to achieve the potential of all workplace participants. It has direct benefits throughout the organisation. These benefits include increased productivity, increased morale, reduced absenteeism, and higher retention rates of employees. For these reasons, actions in this area have been incorporated into Vision Kitchens's strategic plan.

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**5. REPORTS WITH THE WORKPLACE GENDER EQUALITY AGENCY**

5.1 Vision Kitchens commitment to support gender equality in the workplace will be monitored by providing a report containing information relating to Vision Kitchens gender equality indicators.

5.2 The gender equality indicators that Vision Kitchens may report on are:

- gender composition of the workforce;
- gender composition of governing bodies of relevant employers;
- equal remuneration between women and men;
- availability and utility of employment terms, conditions and practices relating to flexible working arrangements for employees and to working arrangements supporting employees with family or caring responsibilities;
- consultation with employees on issues concerning gender equality in the workplace; and
- any other matters specified in an instrument made by the Minister.

**6. FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE**

6.1 For further information about Vision Kitchens's actions towards gender equality in the workplace, contact a Member of the EEO Committee or the Human Resources Department.

**Variations**

*Vision Kitchens reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.*