

1. What is the new platform for tenders from 1 May 2021?

The new platform for tenders is VendorPanel - www.vendorpanel.com.au.

The change means that Council will use the VendorPanel platform for multiple procurement processes including:

- Public Marketplace - public/open tenders & request for quotes
- Council Registers of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – closed/restricted tenders & requests for quotes
- Local Buy Registers/Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (Local Buy Arrangement) – closed/restricted tenders & requests for quotes.

2. What is the Public Marketplace?

The VendorPanel marketplace is a place where suppliers can list their business to obtain request for quotes or tenders from not only Maranoa Regional Council, but any Council within Queensland, using the VendorPanel system.

Any supplier can register their business at any time. Once registered, a supplier may receive notification about public tenders and request for quotes advertised based on the region, product and/or services they select.

Please note: marketplace suppliers are not a pre-qualified supplier or a preferred supplier.

3. What does this mean for suppliers registered on LG Tender Box?

Local Buy Pty Ltd (“Local Buy”) has advised Council that they have been working hard to connect with suppliers and support them through the transition.

If you are currently registered on LG Tenderbox, Local Buy would have already asked your business to register into the VendorPanel Marketplace at www.vendorpanel.com.au.

If you find you are not registered on VendorPanel Marketplace, the attached document provides a step-by-step instruction on how to register your business.

VendorPanel’s support team are available to provide assistance on 03 9095 6168.

4. What happens to tenders issued before 1 May 2021?

Council will issue tenders in both systems (LG Tender Box and VendorPanel) until 30 April 2021.

Local Buy have advised that LG Tender Box will remain accessible to Council and suppliers until 31 May 2021 to close out any tender processes.

From 1 May 2021, all Council tenders will be issued in VendorPanel.

5. What does this mean for Council pre-qualified suppliers already using VendorPanel?

If you are currently a pre-qualified supplier, you would already have a VendorPanel account and your business will continue to receive request for quotes as usual on VendorPanel.

However, we recommend that you check that your business is registered on VendorPanel Marketplace. You can do this by logging into VendorPanel Marketplace at www.vendorpanel.com.au using your VendorPanel account.

If you find you are not registered on VendorPanel Marketplace, the attached document provides a step-by-step instruction on how to register your business.

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This will ensure you are notified when public/open tenders and requests for quotes are released that are relevant to your business.

6. What is the new VendorPanel app?

VendorPanel has an app that suppliers can download onto their mobile phone to receive and respond to request for quotes and receive notification of tenders.

Businesses can download the VendorPanel app at: [VendorPanel Mobile - Procurement mobile app](#).

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