

BUY

Queensland in action

As Australia's largest tea grower, Queensland Government supplier, Nerada Tea, is a Far North Queensland success story.

The business is listed on the Queensland Government Food and Beverage Supplier Directory.

This directory helps government buyers and Queenslanders find Queensland businesses who employ a local workforce and grow, make or produce products in our state.

Nerada Tea is served in Queensland Government owned hospitals and at the Cairns Convention centre.

On 360 hectares in the Atherton Tablelands, Nerada Tea grow and process 7 million kilograms of green leaf a year. That's 750 million cups of tea. Their products include tea bags, loose leaf tea, green tea and organic herbal infusions.

Despite competing with multinationals, Nerada Tea, has thrived over the last 49 years. Plantation Director, Tony Poyner, is proud of the product Nerada produces.

"It's world-class and pesticide free. We have achieved Rainforest alliance certification," Tony said.

"We are environmentally sustainable. We reapply all our waste as a compost or fertiliser".

Nerada Tea employs 87 Queenslanders — 24 in North Queensland and 63 in Brisbane. Even in tough times, Nerada Tea has stuck by their employees.

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Nerada Tea also support Queensland businesses along the supply chain.

"Our boxes and tea bag tags are produced in Queensland," Tony said.

"We try to source everything locally".



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Buy Queensland approach ensures that when we spend government money, we are:

- ✓ supporting Queensland jobs
- ✓ engaging ethical businesses
- ✓ ensuring better outcomes.



\$17 billion

approximately invested with more than **32,500** Queensland businesses engaged to supply to the Queensland Government

Reported figures: for period 1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019

Note: Corporate Card data (1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019) and One School data (1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019) is not included in the above procurement spend data

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