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# **HDN MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2022**

Attached is HDN's inaugural Modern Slavery Statement that has been authorised for release by the Board of the Responsible Entity.

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# About HomeCo Daily Needs REIT

HomeCo Daily Needs REIT (HDN) is an Australian Real Estate Investment Trust listed on the ASX with a mandate to invest in convenience-based assets across the target sub-sectors of Neighbourhood Retail, Large Format Retail and Health & Services. HDN aims to provide unitholders with consistent and growing distributions. HDN is Australia's leading daily needs REIT with a combined portfolio size of approximately \$4.8bn spanning approximately 2.6 million square metres of land in Australia's leading metropolitan growth corridors of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.



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Dear Stakeholders,

# HomeCo Daily Needs REIT: FY22 Modern Slavery Statement

This is HDN's first Modern Slavery Statement and has been approved by HMC Funds Management Limited as the Responsible Entity of the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT.

HDN will never knowingly participate in modern slavery practices in its directly controlled operations and is committed to respecting and promoting the human rights of our people, suppliers and the communities in which we operate.

We are proud to present our first statement and commit to building on the commitments contained within it. Continuous improvement of our processes to identify and uncover issues around modern slavery will be a focus in FY23, as will the prevention and remediation of such issues.

Sid Sharma HDN CEO



ARSN 645 086 620



# Modern Slavery Statement

2022

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#### Introduction

The HomeCo Daily Needs REIT (**HDN**) is subject to the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth) ('Act') which requires reporting entities subject to the Act to produce an annual modern slavery statement.

This is the first Modern Slavery Statement for HDN and has been approved by HMC Funds Management Limited as the Responsible Entity of the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT.

This Modern Slavery Statement sets out the following information in compliance with its obligations under the Act, to:

- identify the reporting entity
- describe the structure, operations and supply chains
- describe the risks of modern slavery practices in operations and supply chains
- describe the actions taken to assess and address those risks, including due diligence and remediation processes
- describe how the reporting entity will assess the effectiveness of such actions
- describe the process of consultation with any entities that the reporting entity owns or controls
- include any other information that we consider relevant

### The Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT.

The HomeCo Daily Needs REIT is an Australian Real Estate Investment Trust listed on the ASX with a mandate to invest in convenience-based assets across the subsectors of Neighbourhood Retail, Large Format Retail and Health & Services.

HDN is externally managed by Home Consortium Limited (ACN 138 990 593) (t/a **HMC Capital**) through HMC Investment Management Pty Ltd (ACN 644 510 583) and HMC Property Management Pty Ltd (ACN 644 510 707), as its investment and property managers. Both are wholly owned subsidiaries of HMC Capital. The Responsible Entity of HDN, HMC Funds Management Limited, is also a wholly owned subsidiary of HMC Capital.

# HDN structure, operations and supply chains

As at 30 June 2022, HDN owned

53

CENTRES ACROSS AUSTRALIA VALUED AT CIRCA

\$4.6 billion

VIA WHOLLY OWNED SUB-TRUSTS. HDN'S REVENUE IS SOLELY DERIVED FROM RENTAL INCOME.

For more information about HDN operations and structure please refer to the HDN Annual Report available in the Investor Centre at <a href="https://www.hmccapital.com.au/our-funds/homeco-daily-needs-reit/">https://www.hmccapital.com.au/our-funds/homeco-daily-needs-reit/</a>

# TABLE 1: STRUCTURE, OPERATION AND SUPPLY CHAINS - OVERVIEW



# **TABLE 2: OWNERSHIP & GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

### **HDN Board**

HMC Funds Management Limited as responsible entity of the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT (holds all portfolio properties via series of sub-trusts)

#### **Audit and Risk Committee**

Oversees all risk, including non-financial risks

#### **HDN Chief Executive Officer**

Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT

# **HDN Fund Portfolio Team**

Comprised of Fund Portfolio Manager supported by HMC Asset Management, Leasing and Development, Human Resources, Legal, Corporate and Finance who provide these services to HDN via the Investment Management Agreement and the Property Management Agreement

# Modern Slavery risk identification and management processes

Supply chain risks identified through external property and facilities management

# **TABLE 3: SUPPLY CHAIN**

KEY BUSINESS CATEGORIES	TYPES OF SUPPLIERS ENGAGED
Centre Management and Operations	External property and facilities management agreement in place for all assets.  All suppliers of property management services such as cleaning, security, waste management, air conditioning, landscaping and maintenance services, vertical transport and essential services such as energy, sewage and water are provided through the external management agreements.
Development activity	External development management agreement in place for all assets.  Builders, contractors, materials suppliers, design consultants, and tradespeople managed through the external management agreements.
Centre and corporate offices	External property and facilities management agreement in place for all centre and corporate offices.  Office supplies, corporate projects, employment and training of staff, external legal advice, leasing services, IT infrastructure and support services and travel all provided through the external management agreements.

# The risks of modern slavery practices in the operations and supply chains

HDN will never knowingly participate in modern slavery practices in its directly controlled operations.

HMC Funds Management Limited as the responsible entity of HDN has assessed that the risk of modern slavery practices within its day-to-day operations is low, as there are no direct employees and all HMC staff that are providing services to HDN are primarily working in property management and ancillary professional service roles exclusively within Australia. HDN's key property and facilities manager, Knight Frank Australia (KFA) is subject to the Modern Slavery Act and HDN has reviewed the KFA Modern Slavery Statement. HDN will work collaboratively with KFA to support each other's Modern Slavery initiatives.

In relation to the risk of exposure to modern slavery practices in the type of real estate held in the portfolio, the risk is considered greater with certain services that are required in the day-to-day operations. In particular, cleaning contractors have been an area of increased focus and awareness. It has been shown that this industry is more likely to employ lower paid foreign, unskilled workers who are potentially at a heightened risk of exploitation and we have made this an area of focus. We will be focusing on this area with KFA and understanding the processes in place to prevent any modern slavery practices from occurring.

HMC is also committed to ensure that it will support the modern slavery initiatives of HDN. The structure, operations and direct workforce of HMC Capital are managed through its policies and practices, the ethical standards and behavioural conduct requirements that HMC Capital exhibits in all its dealings, both internal and external, and always in accordance with the HMC Code of Conduct, and other relevant policies which are approved by HMC Capital. HMC Capital will also commit to ensuring that all relevant staff who provide services to HDN receive appropriate training around modern slavery awareness.

# The actions taken to assess and address these risks including due diligence and remediation processes

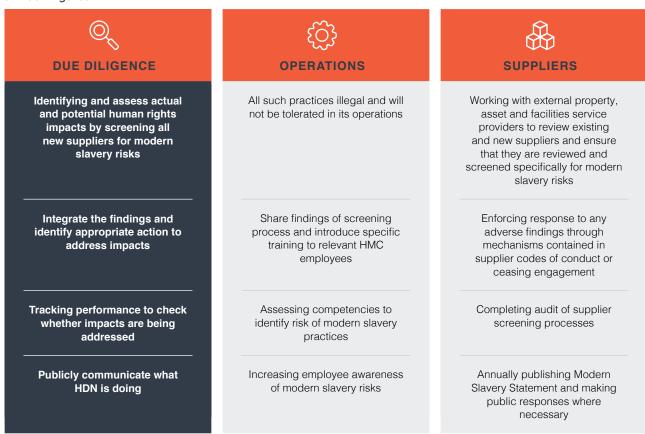
In FY22, HDN has commenced determining what actions it must take to assess and address the risks of modern slavery practices occurring in its operations and supply chains. To that end, it is adopting the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with respect to undertaking human rights due diligence. In FY23, it will apply these to assist it to identify, prevent, mitigate and account for how HDN addresses actual or potential adverse human rights impacts in its operations and supply chains, and specifically modern slavery.

Further, we will also adopt the UN Guiding Principles with respect to remediation.

This approach is summarised in Table 4 below:

# **TABLE 4: DUE DILIGENCE & REMEDIATION**

# a. Due Diligence



### **TABLE 4: DUE DILIGENCE & REMEDIATION**

### b. Remediation Steps



# How HDN assesses the effectiveness of actions being taken to assess and address modern slavery risks

In FY23, HDN will broaden the review to develop a greater understanding of potential exposures, and:

- Continue to assess the potential modern slavery risks in HDN's operations and supply chains with emphasis on high-risk geographical locations and business transactions;
- Review all company policies and identify those that may be impacted by modern slavery considerations; and
- Review all key service supplier contracts to ensure they contain terms that are consistent with the Act.



#### **RESPONSE**

'Make good' the adverse impact by restoring the victim to the situation they would be in if the adverse impact had not occurred

Work with the relevant entity that caused the impact to prevent or mitigate the harm and prevent its recurrence

Ending the business relationship with any entity if we determine unacceptable risk of modern slavery practices

HDN will establish the following processes in FY23 to commence the assessment of the effectiveness of its actions:

- Establish a process to regularly review the actions it takes by establishing an annual review of HDN's response to modern slavery;
- Check its risk assessment processes to ensure they remain up-to-date and that there are triggers to identify when an update to a risk assessment is required;
- Set up a process to provide regular engagement and feedback within HDN's operations;
- Conduct audits on key service providers to assess and address modern slavery risks to determine if mitigation measures have been consistently actioned;
- Track its actions and measuring impact in relation to service provider and employee engagement, and levels of awareness; and
- Investigate partnering with an industry group to undertake an independent review of its actions.