

Australia's trade exposure to modern slavery

Analysis of import data shows Australia imports AU\$100 billion worth of goods exposed to modern slavery risk

Overall import risk

Persistent forced labour risks are found across key sectors, reinforcing the need to strengthen the Modern Slavery Act to require due diligence.

Fair Supply estimates \$98.6 billion worth of imports to Australia were from commodity categories with known risks of modern slavery. This represents over a fifth (21.5 per cent) of Australia's spend on imports. The analysis is based on 2024 import data from the ABS.

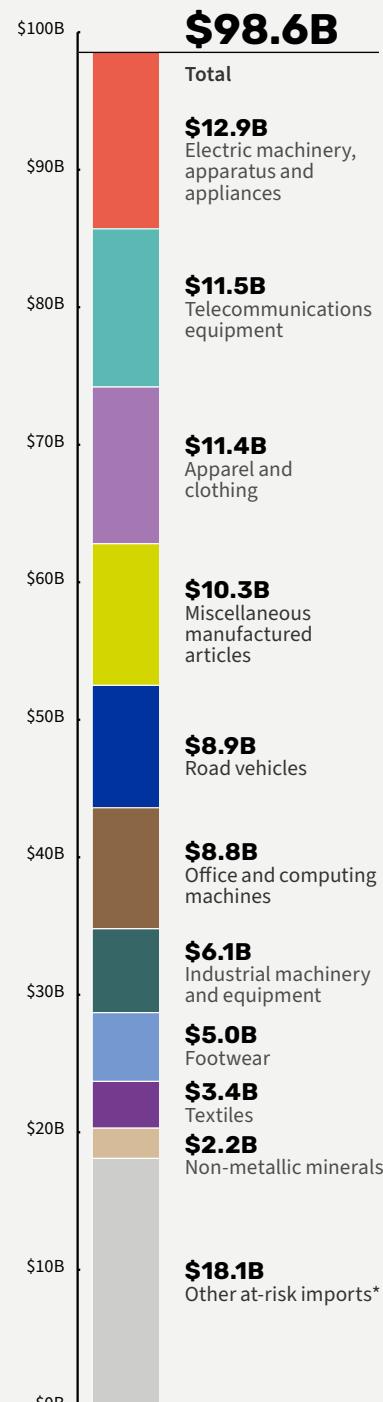


Figure 1. Proportional spend on imported goods considered at-risk, by commodity



Figure 2. Source countries of at-risk imported goods

Figure 3. AU\$ value of at-risk imported goods

*The remaining comprises multiple smaller import categories.

Fair Supply's data draws on the US Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Forced or Child Labour, US Customs and Border Protection Withhold Release Orders, Fair Supply's Industry Ratings, and 2024 import data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Merchandise Imports by Commodity (SITC), Country and State dataset.

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