

## 6.13. CYCLONE JASPER CONTRACTS AWARDED REPA - APRIL 2025

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with s235(c) *Local Government Regulation 2012*, retrospectively endorse \$24,108,953.91 in Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets expenditure committed in April 2025, in relation to the Cyclone Jasper Disaster Event.
2. Council to note the funding received to date from Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cyclone Jasper impacted the Douglas Shire Council region on 13 December 2023, followed by a significant rain event (the Cyclone Jasper Disaster Event). The disaster event has resulted in a large amount of damage to the Douglas Shire assets and resultant expenditure for repairs, which is outside the approved budget.

This report seeks to obtain retrospective endorsement of expenditure committed by Council for the period 1-30 April 2025 for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets.

### BACKGROUND

Per Item 6.8 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024:

That Council:

1. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award contracts valued at more than \$200,000 associated with Tropical Cyclone Jasper recovery works.
2. Delegates authority under s257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters related to the awarding of those contracts.
3. Notes that, in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, Council will retrospectively consider all contracts valued at more than \$200,000 awarded by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) associated with funded projects related to Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

Financial commitments for each month are being presented to Council for retrospective endorsement in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and s235c of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, in accordance with the resolution dated 30 April 2024.

And approved subject to funding:

## COMMENTS

Following is a summary of the expenditure committed via contract awards for the period 1-30 April 2025, due to the disaster event:

Contract ID	Supplier	Supplier Location	Award Value	Project
2024-087	Durack Civil	Cairns, QLD	\$5,2271,08.71	10 Mile Road, Zig Zag Road, China Camp Road - Unsealed Roads
2024-088	Durack Civil	Cairns, QLD	\$675,087.85	Banabilla Road, Idriess Road, Evergreen Road - Unsealed Roads
2024-6544	Durack Civil	Cairns, QLD	\$3,556,943.32	Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - Unsealed Roads
2024-6558	HEH Civil	Cairns, QLD	\$13,776,985.10	Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - Landslips
2024-108	NCP Contracting	Ayton, QLD	\$872,828,.93	Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - Concrete Roads

Each contract is awarded by the CEO following a comprehensive evaluation process and review by the Chief Engineer. The evaluation process consists of assessment by an experienced panel with oversight from a probity advisor. The evaluation team conducts a detailed review of pricing, non-price criteria, and any contract departures, resulting in a weighted scoring that ranks the tenders for value for money. An evaluation report is prepared, reviewed and endorsed by the Chief Engineer for approval by the CEO. This process ensures robust assessment and governance for all packages of work.

Each successful supplier has been through this process, with the delivery team confident that the successful tenderers offer the best overall value—balancing risk mitigation, scheduling efficiency, and minimizing community impacts.

## PROPOSAL

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## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Cyclone Jasper disaster event occurred and has resulted in a large amount of damage to Douglas Shire assets and resultant expenditure for counter-disaster operations and emergency repairs and remediation.

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, monthly financial reports which record the progress against the budget will be presented to Council. These reports will include expenditure committed as a result of the Cyclone Jasper Disaster Event for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets and any funding received by Council

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There is a significant risk if funding is not approved that this would slow down or halt the recovery process after ex-TC Jasper.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

<b>Economic:</b>	The Cyclone Jasper Disaster Event may have a negative impact on the economic sustainability of Douglas Shire Council and may impact sustainability ratios. This will be closely managed by Council and mitigated where possible.
<b>Environmental:</b>	Nil impact from the approvals in this report as works have already occurred.
<b>Social:</b>	Nil impact from the approvals in this report as works have already occurred.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery

Strong governance and financial management are the foundations of the way in which Council will conduct its business and implement the initiatives of the Corporate Plan.

**Goal 1** - *We will conduct Council business in an open and transparent manner with strong oversight and open reporting*

**Goal 3** - *We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.*

**Goal 4** - *We will work with our communities to ensure they are informed, empowered and supported so that they are resilient to the impacts of disaster events. Through our leadership and capabilities we will plan, prepare, respond and recover from events so as to minimise the impact on people, property, the environment, and our economic stability.*

### Operational Plan 2024-2025 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

## COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

<b>Advocate</b>	Council makes representation on behalf of the community on important issues, funding opportunities, projects and programs. Council will use its influence to seek the best outcomes for the community.
<b>Regulator</b>	Council has a number of statutory obligations detailed in numerous regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure that the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will utilise an outcomes based approach that balances the needs of the community with social and natural justice.
<b>Service Provider</b>	Council provides many services to the community from roads and waste services to libraries and recreational facilities. Services evolve over time and it is the Council's mission to ensure that these services are appropriate, delivered efficiently, and designed with the customer at the centre.

## CONSULTATION

<b>Internal:</b>	DRFA Project Management Team, Finance Team, Management Team
<b>External:</b>	Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The retrospective approval of disaster expenditure will fall within the “inform” category of Council’s Community Engagement Framework.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil