

## **6.21. TIDS ALEXANDRA RANGE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION - TENDER AWARD**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to:**

- 1. Enter into contract WO6510 with NQ Asphalt Pty Ltd ABN 99 625 248 179 to the value of \$279,590.30 (GST exclusive).**
- 2. Delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with the contract.**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council engaged Shepherd Services Pty Ltd in 2023-2024 to undertake a condition assessment of the network for Council to develop a three-year renewal program based on surfacing and pavement failures identified. Alexandra Range was identified as needing pavement rehabilitation works and Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) grant funding was secured for these works.

Council requested submissions via the Vendor Panel for the WO6510 TIDS Alexandra Range Pavement Rehabilitation 2024-2025 project. Three (3) conforming submissions were received and evaluated by the tender evaluation panel. NQ Asphalt Pty Ltd was recommended as they provided a competitive submission within the project budget requirements, had the required capability and capacity to complete the works within the specified timeframes and demonstrated a sound understanding of the project including the constraints, challenges and expectations.

### **BACKGROUND**

Council manages approximately 220km of sealed roads, 54km of concrete floodway's and 156km of gravel roads throughout the Shire. Council engaged Shepherd Services Pty Ltd in 2023-2024 to undertake a condition assessment of the network for Council to develop a three-year renewal program based on surfacing and pavement failures identified. Alexandra Range was identified as needing pavement rehabilitation works and TIDS grant funding was secured for these works.

### **COMMENTS**

Council requested submissions via the Vendor Panel platform in December 2024, for the WO6510 TIDS Alexandra Range Pavement Rehabilitation 2024-2025 project.

The *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation), provide the legislative framework for local government procurement in Queensland.

Chapter 6, Part 3 of the Regulation, outlines the process for tendering to enter a large-sized contract (\$200,000 or more). Council must invite written tenders before making a contract for the works, or the supply of goods or services with a contract sum greater than \$200,000 (excluding GST) in a financial year or another amount as set out in the Act or Regulation.

Council invited contractors to participate in the request for tender (RFT) process through the market via Vendor Panel, which closed on 30 January 2025.

Three (3) conforming submissions were received. The tender evaluation was conducted by the evaluation panel.

Specific criteria were weighted according to their importance in delivering the project successfully and providing the best overall value for money solution in accordance with Council's procurement policies. The weighting attributed to each criterion is outlined in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Evaluation Criteria**

Criteria	Weighting
Technical Capacity	15%
Business Profile	20%
Methodology	15%
Price	50%
Total	100%

NQ Asphalt Pty Ltd was the highest scoring tenderer. They have the technical capacity to complete the project and have previously completed similar projects as the Principal Contractor throughout the Douglas Shire, meeting the required standard. They have indicated that they have capacity to complete the project within specified timeframes and demonstrated that they have understood the constraints, challenges, and expectations of the project. Their tender submission is within the budget requirements for this project. The tender evaluation panel therefore recommends that NQ Asphalt Pty Ltd as the preferred supplier.

## PROPOSAL

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## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated \$450,000 to this project in the Capital Works budget with 50% budget being funded under the TIDS program. Officers recommend that the project be awarded to NQ Asphalt Pty Ltd for \$279,590.30 (GST exclusive). The remaining portion of the budget will

be utilised for internal costs such as project management, line marking and a 20% contingency allowance. It is anticipated that the entire project will be delivered on budget.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

If Council does not resolve to enter into a contract for the TIDS Alexandra Range Pavement Rehabilitation the major risk is that the required works will not be completed within the required timeframe and TIDS funding will be withdrawn.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** The project is budgeted for in Council's 2024-2025 CAPEX budget.

**Environmental:** The preferred supplier operates under an Environmental Management System which complies with the requirements of ISO 14001:2015.

**Social:** The project will improve the safety and level of service provided for Council's Road network.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

Douglas Shire Council embraces the diversity of our communities and values the contribution that all people make to the Shire. We recognise that it is a core strength of the region. We acknowledge our past so that it may guide us in the future. We recognise the wrongs done to our Indigenous community and we actively seek to reconcile so that we may all benefit from and enjoy our Shire. We acknowledge early European settlers who forged an agricultural base for our economy, and we welcome all new arrivals as part of our broader community.

**Goal 2 - We will deliver programs and services that protect and enhance the liveability of our beautiful Shire.**

#### Theme 2 - Fostering Sustainable Economic Growth

A robust economy is at the heart of a thriving community and enables investment in environmental protection. While our remoteness is a key attribute, it also presents challenges for attracting new business and investment. We must also meet the challenges of fierce competition in the tourism sector. Council will partner with industry to build, diversify, and promote the Douglas economy. Council will design and deliver infrastructure, strategies and services that support the local economy and businesses.

**Goal 1 - We will build appropriate infrastructure and deliver services that connect and support businesses.**

### 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:

**Builder/Owner** Council makes a significant investment every year in the infrastructure that underpins the Shire through its capital works program. Council will manage its assets with appropriate frameworks and deliver its projects through robust project management.

## CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Infrastructure Department.  
Discussed with Councillors on 18 February 2025.

**External:** Department of Transport and Main Roads (TIDS funding).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Will commence after the Contract is awarded.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil