

## 7.11. CONTRACT AWARD FOR CN2025-020: DSC 2023 DRFA - LANDSLIPS PACKAGE 18 CHINA CAMP ROAD

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Resolves to award Contract CN2024-020 – DSC DRFA 2023 China Camp Road Slips (Wujal Wujal) to HEH Civil Pty Ltd for an approved tender value of \$9,529,225.62 (excluding GST); and
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise, and enter into the contract with HEH Civil Pty Ltd in the form issued with the Request for Tender (with any agreed amendments), subject to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and Queensland Reconstruction Authority requirements.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to award Contract CN2024-020 for the remediation of China Camp Road landslips (Wujal Wujal) under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 2023 program.

An open-market tender process was undertaken in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Following evaluation of both price and non-price criteria, a structured clarification process, and moderation under independent probity oversight, HEH Civil Pty Ltd was ranked the highest overall and is recommended for contract award.

Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has approved funding for the project.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

This matter has not previously been considered by Council.

QRA funding approval has been received for the China Camp Road slips under Package DoSC.0098.2324P.REC.

### REPORT/BACKGROUND

China Camp Road sustained significant landslip damage as a result of severe weather events and was approved for reconstruction funding under the DRFA 2023 program. Council initiated an open-market tender to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the works.

Tenders were released on 11 July 2025 and closed on 29 August 2025. Four tenderers submitted responses, with one alternative tender also received. One submission was deemed non-conforming and excluded from assessment.

Initial submissions identified inconsistencies in scope interpretation and constructability assumptions. To ensure a fair, transparent, and value-for-money outcome, Council—under advice from the Probity Advisor and Designers—undertook a structured clarification process, including:

- A mandatory site visit;
- Face-to-face clarification meetings; and
- Issuance of an Addendum to confirm the approved scope and quantities.

Revised conforming tenders were received by 12 December 2025, followed by a moderation meeting on 20 January 2026. The Evaluation Panel concluded that HEH Civil Pty Ltd demonstrated the strongest overall capability and deliverability for the project.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### Financial implications:

- QRA has approved funding sufficient for the China Camp Road slips.
- The recommended tender represents the best overall value for money when assessed against both price and non-price criteria.
- It's noted that contract administration, project management costs, engagement of traditional owners and any other indirect costs relevant to the project are not specified within the contract award, however, are factored into the overall approval budget.
- Expenditure will be managed within approved DRFA funding limits and in accordance with QRA guidelines.

### Resource implications:

- Council resources will be limited to contract administration, project oversight, and reporting functions.
- No additional permanent staffing or fleet resources are required.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

A number of key risks were identified and addressed through the procurement and evaluation process, including:

- Delivery risk: Mitigated through the selection of a contractor with a proven DRFA and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) delivery record and an established Far North Queensland (FNQ) presence.
- Technical and constructability risk: Managed through a structured clarification process, technical advisor input, and assessment of site-specific methodologies.
- Probity and governance risk: Mitigated through the appointment of an independent Probity Advisor and adherence to Council procurement procedures.

Failure to award the contract would delay critical recovery works, potentially impacting community access, safety, and DRFA funding timeframes.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental management was assessed as part of the tender evaluation. The recommended contractor demonstrated appropriate environmental management systems consistent with DRFA and QRA requirements. No additional environmental impacts beyond those already assessed for the project are anticipated

## SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project will restore safe and reliable access along China Camp Road, improving community safety and resilience. The works also support regional employment opportunities and include commitments to local and Indigenous participation.

## CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

#### **Theme 4 - Recovery and Resilience**

To partner with community to build resilience against natural disasters creating a strong sense of social capital.

*4.2 - Deliver infrastructure asset restoration and betterment.*

### Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

3.6.4 - Provide restoration of essential public assets during natural disaster events.

## LEGISLATION AND POLICY

- *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*
- Council Procurement Policy
- DRFA and QRA funding guidelines

## CONSULTATION

Internal:

- Chief Engineer – TC Jasper Infrastructure and Recovery
- Procurement and Legal Services
- External technical advisors (AECOM)

External:

- Queensland Reconstruction Authority
- Independent Probity Advisor (Ochre Legal)
- Tenderers through formal clarification processes
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Local Traditional Owners through Archaeology Survey Team Pty Ltd
- Relevant State Agencies

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the outcomes of the evaluation process, the Evaluation Panel recommends awarding Contract CN2024-020 to HEH Civil Pty Ltd.

HEH Civil demonstrated the strongest overall capability, combining proven DRFA delivery experience, strong local and regional knowledge, a robust and realistic methodology, and a credible program of works. When assessed against both price and non-price criteria, the submission offers the best overall value for money and provides confidence in the timely and compliant delivery of the project.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil