

### Tender Awarded

Douglas Shire Council has awarded a \$2.6 million tender to repair the landslip on Murphy Street to GEO Design Pty Ltd.

### Construction Dates

GEO Design Pty Ltd will start mobilising equipment on site Monday 6 January 2020, with construction activity anticipated to commence 10 January 2020. Construction is expected to be completed in June 2020.

### Design

Prior to going to tender, residents were asked their preference on whether or not gabions should be used. It turned out to be 50/50 – half in favour of gabions and half in favour of netting all the way to the bitumen.

While the tender specified gabions in two locations, and netting to the road in the third location where the road is narrower, tenderers were encouraged to offer innovative alternative solutions.

An alternative option was proposed by GEO Design Pty Ltd and that was to use Vertica blocks (pictured below) in preference to gabions. After assessing all options, Council has elected to use charcoal Vertica blocks as they have the advantage of being much quicker to install and are more economical. These blocks will be used in the same two locations as the gabions were to be used. The overall dimensions of the wall will be similar to that of gabions.



### Future Updates and Enquiries

We will continue to issue updates to keep residents apprised of progress. If you have any questions or concerns once contractors are on site, please don't hesitate to contact Gaye Scott on 0418 793 009 or [gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au).

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