

## **6.5. PDWWTP SEQUENCING BATCH REACTOR NON-FINANCIAL MILESTONE RESOLUTION**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

**Confirms it has budgeted for the Port Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant Sequencing Batch Reactor Upgrade project, is committed to delivering the Project, and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Port Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant (PDWWTP) Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBRs) have been upgraded and this project was completed on 30 May 2023. Supply and installation was grant funded under Queensland State Government Building Our Regions Round 6 for the amount of \$938,947.00.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has highlighted a requirement for the non-financial milestone that still needs to be met. The Department requires a Council resolution committing Council to fund its portion of the project, deliver the project and fund any shortfalls.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 22 January 2022, Council resolved to award the design portion of a contract for the upgrade of the PDWWTP SBRs to a contractor, and subject to the State Government grant being approved, the construction of the project.

The design was supplied as a requirement in the application for a grant of \$938,947.00 under Building Our Regions Round 6 from the Queensland Government for the upgrade of the PDWWTP SBRs.

The grant was approved in February 2023. The project is now complete and has entered defects liability period, however, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has highlighted a requirement for the non-financial milestone that has not been met. They require a Council resolution with the following recommended wording:

“Douglas Shire Council confirms it has budgeted for the Port Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant Sequencing Batch Reactor Upgrade project, is committed to delivering the Project, and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.”

## COMMENTS

Council had budgeted and paid for the design enabling the grant application to be submitted. All invoices are now paid and milestone payments of \$657,262.90 are yet to be paid to Council, pending issue of the Council resolution and other documents.

## PROPOSAL

That Council:

Confirms it has budgeted for the Port Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant Sequencing Batch Reactor Upgrade project, is committed to delivering the Project, and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has already paid all project costs. Submitting the correctly worded Council resolution with other required documents will ensure recovery of grant covered costs from the Queensland State Government.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Failure or delay to supply correctly worded Council resolution may result in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning not approving or delaying the approval the remaining milestone payments of \$657,262.90.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### 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 2022-2023 Actions:

**Infrastructure Improvements** - *Determine options for an enhanced service and commence design if necessary.*

## 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:

**Service Provider** 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

**Internal:** This matter was discussed at a Councillor Workshop on 20 June 2023.

**External:** Nil

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil