

5.5. CONTRACT WO6025 FLOODWAY BETTERMENT - WHYANBEEL RD, BAMBOO CK RD, FOREST CK RD

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves to award Contract WO6025 - Floodway Betterment Whyanbeel Rd Bamboo Ck Rd, Forest Ck Rd to Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd (ABN20 601 395 706) for \$527,634.50 (GST exclusive).
2. Delegates authority under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council requires a contractor to construct concrete road pavements across three sites at Whyanbeel Rd, Bamboo Ck Rd and Forest Ck Rd. The current unsealed road infrastructure incurs continuous repairs to keep the asset operational after heavy rain and localised flooding.

A concrete pavement will provide ratepayers and emergency services better access to properties after flooding events and decrease maintenance costs over the next 50 years.

The project budget is \$772,328 (exclusive of GST) and is a grant funded project under the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to support this upgrade.

Council issued an open tender invitation through our regular procurement portal, Vendor Panel. At the time of the tender closing, one contractor submitted one submission. The submission received are outlined in Table 1 - Received Submissions Summary below.

Table 1. Received Submissions Summary

Tenderer	Price	Offer	Status
Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd	\$527,634.50	Comparative	Conforming

The single submission was considered by the evaluation committee. This evaluation process was weighted with 40% price criteria and 60% weighting for the non-price criteria.

Based on the results of the evaluation, Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd is the recommended tenderer for the contract. Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd provided a comprehensive submission in terms of strong understanding of the scope with the experience to handle the required works and detailed risk mitigation for work activities. The submission also highlighted the contractor's capacity to deliver the scope of works and was within budget.

BACKGROUND

Council was successful in obtaining a betterment grant from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to upgrade unsealed road pavements to concrete pavements in certain locations. These sections of road consistently require repair after heavy rain and/or localised flooding. This results in impacts for residents and emergency services and reduces the limited annual Council budget for road repairs.

The three sites are located at Whyanbeel Rd, Bamboo Ck Rd and Forest Ck Rd.

The primary challenges with the scope are constructing the works with minimal impact to residents and emergency services during construction. It is noted that access to all three sites will be restricted to one lane under traffic management plans and speed limits will be reduced.

Council issued an open tender invitation through VendorPanel for 6025-Floodway Betterment Whyanbeel Rd, Bamboo Ck Rd and Forest Ck Rd. The Vendor panel reference number is VP584602.

Table 2 indicates the submissions received.

Table 2. Received Submissions Summary

Tenderer	Located
Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd	Clifton Beach

COMMENTS

Evaluation of the received submissions was conducted by:

Table 3. Evaluation Panel Members

Position	Department
Project Manager	Project Office
Project Manager	Project Office
Assistant Project Manager	Project Office

An initial compliance check was conducted on the received submission to determine non-conforming and alternative offers from the requirements of the Request for Tender (RFT). This included compliance with the contractual requirements and provision of requested information.

A summary of the compliance check is shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Tender Submission Conformance

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During the evaluation process, the submission were assessed against the evaluation criteria detailed in the RFT documentation. 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 was:

Table 5. Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weighting
Technical Capacity of Tenderer	15%
Business Profile (Local, Social and Sustainability)	20%
Program of Works	10%
Works Procedures and Methodology	15%
Price	40%

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council adopts to accept the evaluation panels award recommendations.

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FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated \$772,328 in the capital budget for financial year 2022-2023 and the recommended supplier's price is within this budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The selection of Bissell Concreting Pty Ltd provides some reduced risk by:

- Engaging a Cairns based contractor who will be utilising subcontractors from the Douglas Shire area.
- The contractor has significant understanding of the scope of works and have undertaken similar works previously for Council.
- The contractor has provided a detailed risk mitigation for the work activities.
- The program consists of a construction timeline that is realistic.
- The risk of not approving the contract is that the work will not be undertaken.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Local suppliers, cafes and at times hotel accommodation will be utilised during construction.

Environmental: The contractor will be required to ensure the integrity of waterways are protected during construction

Social: The upgrade will provide an upgraded and more reliable road network for the community and will save costs long term upon completion of the project.

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.

Theme 3 - Leading Environmental Stewardship

Our visitors and residents deeply value the unparalleled environment in which we live. We recognise our responsibility in protecting and preserving our natural world for generations to come. We understand the strong link between the environment and the economy: they are interdependent. Douglas Shire will be at the forefront of environmental protection by developing strategies, setting policies, and working with all stakeholders to become the envy of and to inspire locations across Australia and the World.

Goal 1 - We will protect our sensitive environment and plan for the impact of climate change.

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.

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.
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CONSULTATION

Internal: Consultation has occurred with Officers across all required departments during the preparation of the tender.

Councillors were given a briefing at a workshop held 21 February 2023

External: Tenders were received through public advertising of the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required

ATTACHMENTS

Nil