

6.3. 2024-004 LANDFILL WASTE DISPOSAL

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to award Contract 2024-004 – Landfill Waste Disposal to REMONDIS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD & FGF DEVELOPMENTS NO1 PTY LTD [trading as Springmount Waste Management Facility] (ABN 60 323 019 152) for a term of 12 months with two (2) 12-month options for extension; and**
- 2. Delegates authority under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters in relation to this contract.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Douglas Shire Council has sought the services of a suitable contractor for the cartage and disposal of approximately 40 to 80 tonnes of dry mixed landfill waste per week to a facility that holds an Environmental Authority for waste disposal.

A Request For Tender (RFT), through Vendor Panel, was opened on 29 June 2023. The tender closed on 27 July 2023 with a single submission from REMONDIS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD & FGF DEVELOPMENTS NO.1 PTY LTD (trading as Springmount Waste Management Facility).

The cartage and disposal rates in the Tender submission are reflected in the attached pricing schedule. The estimated annual cost for the first 12-month period is \$535,000.00 including GST.

BACKGROUND

Temporary Closure of the Killaloe Waste Disposal Facility (Landfill) occurred during December 2021 to June 2022. The site reached its capacity for accepting landfill waste on 7 September 2022 and Council is now in the process of undertaking the final stage of capping for the landfill site.

The landfill closure leaves no alternative disposal options for landfill waste in the Douglas Shire. Recycling and recovery processes have been implemented at Council's three operational Transfer Stations and new initiatives continue to be explored to achieve reductions in the amount of residual waste being disposed to landfill.

Council must continue to lawfully dispose of landfill waste in a facility that holds an Environmental Authority for waste disposal.

Remondis Australia Pty Ltd are the incumbent contractor and have been carting and disposing of waste material from the Killaloe site since December 2019 under contract 2020-103 and contract 2021-065.

COMMENTS

Remondis Australia (Remondis) are the incumbent contractor and have been carting and disposing of waste material from the Killaloe site since December 2019 under contract 2020-103 and contract 2021-065. Remondis have performed works under the previous contracts satisfactorily and have been responsive to Council's requirements.

REMONDIS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD & FGF DEVELOPMENTS NO.1 PTY LTD (trading as Springmount Waste Management Facility) were the only tenderer for the contract. Remondis are familiar with the site and the truck loading procedures for the export of the landfill material off site. Remondis hold the necessary environmental approvals for operation of a landfill at their Springmount site. The pricing in the contract includes all costs associated with the transport to, and disposal of waste to landfill.

The proposed Contract 2024-004 is for a term of one (1) year, with two (2) 12-month options for extension.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council accept the Tender submission and –

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2. Delegates authority under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters in relation to this contract.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The amount of landfill waste requiring disposal over the course of the contract will vary on a week-to-week basis. Contributing factors include the amount of waste received at Council's three operational Transfer Stations and the amount of recovery and re-use of waste materials at each of these sites. The initial annual cost of the contract has been estimated at \$535,000.00 including GST.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Springmount Waste Management Facility is a reputable waste carting organisation that also operates a licenced landfill site which currently services landfill disposal needs for the region. The company has several contracts in place with other Regional Local Governments and multiple private contractors. The risk of disposal fee fluctuations is minimised as this company has both operational and financial control over an active landfill.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- Economic:** Fees and charges for the disposal of commercial landfill waste at Council's Transfer Stations have been increased to assist in covering the cost of transporting this waste to an offsite location for disposal.
- Environmental:** Waste is required to be disposed at a facility holding an Environmental Authority for Waste Disposal. Disposal of Council's residual landfill waste at the Springmount Waste Management facility ensures that Douglas Shire Council is complying with its legislative obligations.
- Social:** Council's Transfer Stations will continue to be operated in a manner that works toward achieving waste reduction and recycling targets. Council's waste education officer will continue to work with businesses, schools and community groups to promote re-use and recycling practices.

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 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 2 - We will implement programs that reduce and offset our environmental footprint.

Operational Plan 2023-2024 Actions:

Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan - Continue implementation of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan to reduce waste generation and increase resource recovery in Douglas.

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:

Custodian Council owns and manages infrastructure, facilities, reserves, resources and natural areas. In fulfilling its role as custodian, Council will be mindful of the community, the economy, the environment, and good governance.

Regulator Council has a number of statutory obligations detailed in numerous regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure that the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will utilise an outcomes based approach that balances the needs of the community with social and natural justice.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Resource Management Team, Procurement Team.

External: Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.