

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 21 July 2022

Yaraka Town Hall, Yaraka

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File Ref:

Council to consider the Tender Responses for the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009;

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

01-01 Procurement Policy

01-16 Project Decision Framework Group Policy

10-01 Quality Assurance Policy

10-02 Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

INFRASTRUCTURE: WASTE, WATER & SEWERAGE OPERATIONS – WATER OPERATIONS			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
3.1.1 3.1.2 3.1.3 3.1.4	Water Security	Water security measures implemented across the region	Completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isisford Weir repairs • Essential preliminary work for the Thomson River Weir raising project

INFRASTRUCTURE: WASTE, WATER & SEWERAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.2.1	Plan for Whole of Life Costing when making decisions on new or enhanced community facilities and implementing Asset Management Plans.	Undertake review of all asset and service plans with a focus on improving maintenance data.	31 March 2022

Budget Considerations

\$350,000.00 in the 2022/23 Budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Roger Naidoo, Director of Infrastructure Services.

15. LATE ITEMS

15.1 - Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project

BACKGROUND

On Friday 3rd June, Tender documents to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project were uploaded to QTender. At close of Tender, six (6) Responses were received. All six (6) Tenderers submitted a conforming Tender.

For the purposes of the evaluation, Tenderers were referred to as:-

1. Consultant A
2. Consultant B
3. Consultant C
4. Consultant D
5. Consultant E
6. Consultant F

EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation of the Tenders was conducted by the evaluation committee against the evaluation criteria outlined in the Request for Tender, Part 2 – Tender Information. The evaluation committee consisted of the following people: -

- Roger Naidoo (Director Infrastructure Services, Longreach Regional Council);
- Jason Ricks (Senior Engineer & Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers);
- Michael Williams (Associate & Principal Cultural Heritage Officer, GBA Consulting Engineers);
- Isabeau Gavel (Environmental and Cultural Heritage Officer, GBA Consulting Engineers); and
- Joelene Barwick (Technical Officer, GBA Consulting Engineers).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Tenders were ranked against the evaluation criteria documented in the Request for Tender, Part 2 – Tender Information. The weighting allocated to each evaluation criteria is listed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Price and Non-Price Evaluation Criteria

CRITERIA	WEIGHTING %
Price	35
The Respondent's Experience	20
The Respondent's Resources	20
The Respondent's Systems	5
The Respondent's Understanding of the Project Objectives	20

Tender Price

The ranking of conforming Tenderers in terms of Tender Price are as follows: -

1. Consultant D
2. Consultant A
3. Consultant F
4. Consultant B, Consultant C & Consultant E

4.2. Non-Price

The ranking of conforming Tenderers in terms of the non-price criteria are as follows: -

1. Consultant E and Consultant F
2. Consultant D
3. Consultant A
4. Consultant B
5. Consultant C

15. LATE ITEMS

15.1 - Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project

DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION RESULTS

Detail Discussion of the Evaluation Results is contained in Section 5 and Appendix A of the Attachment.

EVALUATION SCORE SUMMARY

The Tender Evaluation Summary is contained in Table 3 of the Attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

The recommended Tenderer was assessed to determine their relative ability to satisfy the overall requirement (Technical Worth) at a competitive cost and at an acceptable risk. Based on the evaluation detailed in Appendix A – Tender Evaluation, the Evaluation Committee recommended that the Contract be awarded to Consultant D for the Tender Price of \$45,230.06 ex. GST (price for First Phase and optional Inception Meeting and Rapid Site Inspection in Longreach), and indicative price of \$236,862.87 ex. GST for MID process, to be confirmed following confirmation of best EAP.

Risk Management Factors:

This matter has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Possible
Consequence: Major
Rating: H12

Environmental Management Factors:

- Consideration of Climate Change and changing weather patterns.
- Consideration of the Environmental Impact of Raising the Weirs on the Thomson River.

Appendices

1. Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project

Recommendation:

That Council awards the Tender to Consultant D, (WILD Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd) to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project for the amount of \$282,092.93 excl. GST.



Thomson River Weir Raising Environmental Approval Process

TENDER EVALUATION REPORT



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1. INTRODUCTION

On Friday 03 June 2022, Tender documents for the “Thomson River Weir Raising Environmental Approval Process” were uploaded to QTender. The Tender Closing Time and Date was originally 2:00pm Friday 24 June 2022, however an extension of time was granted until 4:00pm Tuesday 28 June 2022. The reason for the time extension was due to a prospective Tenderer having resourcing issues, needing the additional time to ensure a fully scoped submission. Council was only able to approve a slight extension of time since the existing timeline was critical to ensure sufficient time was provided for the Tender Evaluation process and briefing before the July 2022 Council Meeting and Resolution.

At the close of Tender, six (6) Tenders were received. Four (4) submissions were received via QTender as outlined in the Tender Document. Two (2) submissions were received via tender@gbaengineers.com.au due to technical difficulties uploading their submission via QTender. It is noted that correspondence was made with the Procurement Administrator, Michael Williams acknowledging these technical difficulties prior to the Closing Time.

This report details the outcomes of the Tender Evaluation undertaken by GBA Consulting Engineers.

For the purposes of the evaluation Tenderers are herein referred to as: -

1. Consultant A
2. Consultant B
3. Consultant C
4. Consultant D
5. Consultant E
6. Consultant F

2. TENDER CONFORMITY

1. Consultant A, conforming.
2. Consultant B, conforming.
3. Consultant C, conforming.
4. Consultant D, conforming.
5. Consultant E, conforming.
6. Consultant F, conforming.

Clarifications sought during the evaluation process are detailed in Section 6, Tender Clarifications.

3. EVALUATION PROCESS

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3.1. Abbreviations Mentioned in Evaluation

- CH: Cultural Heritage
- DA: Development Approval

- EAP: Environmental Approvals Process
- EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
- ENV: Environmental
- EPBC: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC Act 1999)
- EVNT: Endangered, Vulnerable or Near Threatened (species of flora)
- IAR: Impact Assessment Report
- IAS: Initial Advice Statement
- ICP: Initial Consultation Process
- LRC: Longreach Regional Council
- MID: Ministerial Infrastructure Designation
- MNES: Matters of National Environmental Significance
- NT: Native Title
- OCG: Office of the Coordinator General
- PMAV: property map of assessable vegetation
- ToR: Terms of Reference

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Tenders were ranked against the evaluation criteria documented in the Request for Tender, Part 2 – Tender Information. The weighting allocated to each evaluation criteria is listed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Price and Non-Price Evaluation Criteria

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The non-price criteria were rated from 0 to 5. The maximum available score was given to the Tenderer if their Tender fully satisfying the criteria. Scores from 0 to the maximum available score were awarded for partial responses (refer Table 2 Evaluation Methodology).

Table 2 - Evaluation Methodology

SCORE	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTED SCORE (% weighting)
5	EXCELLENT. The Tenderer has provided a thorough response, addressing ALL requirements in extensive detail, providing confidence that the requirements can be met in full, with added value solutions.	100%

SCORE	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTED SCORE (% weighting)
4	GOOD. The Tenderer has provided a strong response addressing most of the requirements in detail, providing confidence that the requirements can be met in full.	80%
3	SATISFACTORY. The Tenderer has provided a satisfactory response addressing most of the requirements in sufficient detail, providing confidence that most requirements can be met.	60%
2	ACCEPTABLE. The Tenderer has provided an acceptable response addressing some of the requirement with partial detail. There are a few concerns about whether the requirements can be met, which requires further clarification.	40%
1	UNSATISFACTORY. The Tenderer has provided a minimal response addressing some of the requirement with very little detail. The response provided does not provide full confidence that the requirements can be met.	20%
0	MAJOR-CONCERNS. The Tenderer has failed to address the question, submitted a nil response or any element of the response gives cause for major concern that requirement[s] will not be met.	0%

Note: Evaluations fitting descriptions of two score levels were given a percentage in between.

4.1. Tender Price

The ranking of conforming Tenderers in terms of Tender Price are as follows: -

1. Consultant D
2. Consultant A
3. Consultant F
4. Consultant B, Consultant C & Consultant E

4.2. Non-Price

The ranking of conforming Tenderers in terms of the non-price criteria are as follows: -

1. Consultant E and Consultant F
2. Consultant D
3. Consultant A
4. Consultant B
5. Consultant C

5. DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION RESULTS

The evaluation of each Tender is described against each criterion in the following section. Refer to Appendix A – Tender Evaluation for a detailed Tender Evaluation.

5.1. Price - 35%

To determine an evaluation of Price between Consultants, similarly proposed deliverables were broken down to be uniformly compared. Where any deliverables were only proposed by one Consultant, they were not factored into the evaluation.

- Consultant A's submitted price includes the proposed pathways IAR, EPBC Referral (alternative to EIS and MID), and Environmental desktop & field inspections required to facilitate these pathways. Price also includes Cultural Heritage desktop & initial site inspection, but does not include Aboriginal Party engagement or completion of Native Title Management (only Heritage Assessment Report with CH/NT advice/discussion of potential issues and recommendations), which is similar to all Consultants' submissions. Daywork Rates ranking¹ is tied between 3rd and 4th. Consultant A has provided a total cost for most deliverables required to complete the Environmental Approval Pathway (EAP), which is a thorough response addressing most of the requirements, and although the proposed EAP is less comprehensive than other Consultants (IAS/IAR/EPBC compared to EIS/MID), Consultant A is also competitive in price for the Initial Consultation Phase (ICP²), and hence has been given a score of 80%.
- Consultant B's submitted price only includes ICP, and provides large provisional costs for the EAP, which the Evaluation Team has assumed to include all relevant ENV/CH site investigation/survey, analysis, documentation, etc. Although submission states competency with CH/NT and Stakeholder/Community Engagement, it doesn't include costings for these items either. Daywork Rates ranking is tied between 3rd and 4th. Proposal for ICP is just for desktop and initial consultation/meetings with LRC and government authorities, and is very expensive for the EAP. Overall, the Consultant has provided a satisfactory response addressing most of the requirements in sufficient detail, and hence has been given a score of 60%.
- Consultant C has only submitted a price for the ICP, which includes Environmental desktop assessment, a one-day Environmental site inspection, and Cultural Heritage desktop & initial site inspection that is not inclusive of Aboriginal Party engagement or completion of Native Title Management (only Initial CH Assessment Report and advice/discussion of potential CH/NT issues and recommendations). Daywork Rates ranking across similar disciplines is tied between 5th and 6th. Price for ICP is competitive considering comprehensive scope, however they are one of two Consultants to not provide a provisional price for the EAP and have the tied most expensive overall Daywork rates, hence it is a satisfactory response addressing most of the requirements in sufficient detail, which is a score of 60%.
- Consultant D's submitted price includes the ICP with an optional inception meeting & Rapid Site Inspection. The Indicative Price was provided for the EAP (assumed to be ToR/EIS/MID), and is quite extensive, including: EAP Project Management, Stakeholder Engagement, ToR, EIS authorship, flood modelling, terrestrial/aquatic ecology, & CH/Native Titles (not including Aboriginal Party engagement or management of Native Title recommendations). Indicative Price for EAP is the lowest, and Daywork Rates ranking across similar disciplines is 1st. Overall, Consultant D has been given the highest score since their price is the most competitive for the ICP, EAP and Daywork Rates. However, since the indicative price did not include mention of a Business Case, an assessment has been made that Consultant D has provided a thorough response, addressing most requirements in extensive detail, providing confidence that the requirements can be met in full, with added value solutions, which is a score that sits between the two highest scoring levels, and hence 90%.

¹ Based on an average ranking score between Consultants across similar disciplines provided in Daywork rates.

² ICP includes initial consultation with Council and regulatory authorities, and in most cases involves initial desktop assessment and site inspection.

- Consultant E's submitted price for the ICP includes inception meeting and several other items such as: desktop, site inspection & gap analysis, project plan, stakeholder engagement, initial advice request, and pre-lodgement meeting with QLD Treasury, leading to the commencement of EIS preparation. No indicative price has been provided for EAP (Phase 2 EIS preparation, and Phase 3 Lodgement of MID). Evaluation of price found slight discrepancy in values proposed. Daywork rates across similar disciplines is tied between 5th and 6th. Although the price for the ICP is comparatively expensive, Consultant E proposes a very comprehensive initial study, however they are one of two Consultants to not provide a provisional price for the EAP and have the tied most expensive overall Daywork rates, hence it is a satisfactory response addressing most of the requirements in sufficient detail, which is a score of 60%.
- Consultant F's submitted price for the ICP is comparatively expensive. The price for the EAP (assumed to be EIS/MID) includes the most extensive scope, however it is also the most expensive for services required to facilitate the EAP, and the assumptions state that no allowance has been made for the preparation of the various EAPs. Evaluation of price for Engineering & Feasibility study has been omitted since these were unique to Consultant F. Evaluation of price found discrepancies in values proposed. Nonetheless, Daywork Rates ranking across similar disciplines is 2nd. Overall, an assessment has been made that Consultant F has provided a satisfactory response, addressing most of the requirements in detail, providing confidence that the requirements can be met in full, which is a score that sits between the 2nd and 3rd highest scoring levels, and hence 70%.

5.2. The Respondent's Experience – 20%

- Consultant A showed experience with services to facilitate most relevant EAPs, including: IAS, EIS preparation, water quality/survey, engagement/consultation with QLD/NSW government regulators, ENV approvals strategy, Stakeholder/Community Engagement, flora/fauna/aquatic assessment, and catchment/hydrodynamic modelling. Submission includes mention of two terrestrial ecologists specialising in the coastal zone and threatened species identification (with previous experience working in central QLD). Some of their similar projects have been NSW-based and would have dealt with separate types of Legislation. Overall strong response addressing most of the required experience, hence 80%.
- Consultant B showed experience with services to facilitate some relevant EAPs, including: EIS, ENV site assessment, EAR, EVNT Species assessment, PMAV application, water quality, drone usage, ENV approvals strategy, extensive engagement/consultation with QLD government regulators, and EPBC Act Referrals. Most experience is QLD-based. Overall strong response addressing most of the required experience, hence 80%.
- Consultant C showed experience with some relevant ENV Approval pathways, including: EIS preparation, Stakeholder engagement, DA, CH/MT management and Aboriginal Party Engagement, Business Case, Ecological assessment (incl. mention of impact to MNES), and Fish Passage Assessment. Overall strong response addressing most of the required experience, hence 80%.
- Consultant D showed experience with services to facilitate all relevant EAPs, including: EIS, MID, Stakeholder engagement, engagement/consultation with State/Commonwealth government regulators, GIS, drone usage, ENV Management/ecological survey of inundation area, EPBC Referral, flood modelling, ground/surface water management, PMAV. The team of sub-consultants appear to have experience in all other relevant areas. Ecologists mostly have experience working in far north QLD and on the coast. Overall thorough response with specific QLD-based projects covering all legislative requirements, hence 100%.

- Consultant E showed experience with services to facilitate all relevant EAPs, including: EIS/MID management, engagement/consultation with State/Commonwealth government, waterway concept design/planning, aquatic ecological assessments, design of weirs and culverts, hydrogeology, and aquatic hydrology assessments, CH/Native Title, and all other relevant areas. Overall thorough response with specific QLD-based projects covering all legislative requirements, hence 100%.
- Consultant F showed experience with services to facilitate all relevant EAPs, including: terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna surveys, vegetation mapping, impact assessment (including the initial impact assessment for this project), CH/Native Title, as well as planning & land use, contaminated lands, surface water resources and water quality, groundwater, air, noise and vibration and cumulative impacts. Also showed experience with EPBC Act Referral, Stakeholder engagement, Technical Chapters of MID, and geotechnical & hydrological investigations, with subconsultants providing experience in structural design, GIS/spatial services, Biosecurity, aquatic assessments, and fish passage. Overall thorough response with specific QLD-based projects covering all legislative requirements, hence 100%.

5.3. The Respondent's Resources – 20%

- Consultant A proposes to supply its own resources for most deliverables such as ENV Approvals, PM, terrestrial/aquatic ecology, water quality, hydraulics, engineering, modelling, and GIS, with assistance from sub-consultants for CH & Terrestrial Ecology. Submission provides a strong response addressing most requirements, hence 80%.
- Consultant B proposes to supply its own resources for most deliverables such as ENV Approvals, PM, and ENV Assessments, with assistance from sub-consultants for CH & NT, Stakeholder Management & Community Engagement. Also claims to have resources for hydrological and groundwater assessments, but is lacking overall in resources compared to other consultants. Submission provides a satisfactory response addressing most requirements, hence 60%.
- Consultant C proposes to supply its own resources for ENV approvals and PM, with assistance from sub-consultants for terrestrial Ecological and CH/NT assessment/management, but is lacking overall in resources compared to other consultants. Submission provides a satisfactory response addressing most requirements, hence 60%.
- Consultant D proposes to supply its own resources for ENV approvals, PM, terrestrial ecology, with assistance from several sub-consultants for Strategic Planning, Flood Assessment, Aquatic ecology, water quality, flooding and hydrology, and CH/NT. Clarifications required for resources in select areas, however submission provides a strong response addressing most requirements, hence 80%.
- Consultant E proposes to supply its own resources (along with immediate subsidiary) for ENV Approvals, PM, hydrology, ecohydrology, weir design and strategy, with assistance from several sub-consultants for urban planning, design, aquatic/terrestrial assessments, ecology assessments, further ENV Approval advice, and CH/NT. Team also includes specialists in water quality, geomorphology, and fisheries biologists. Submission covers all required resources and provides a thorough response addressing all requirements, hence 100%.
- Consultant F will supply its own resources for PM, Ecological assessment & ENV/Heritage management, with assistance from several sub-consultants for engineering/design, flooding/hydraulics, ENV Approvals and Monitoring, erosion/soils, GIS/Spatial, Stakeholder/Community Engagement, Fish Passage lead and aquatic services, soil analysis, and noise/vibration. Submission covers all required resources and provides a thorough response addressing all requirements, hence 100%.

5.4. The Respondent's Systems – 5%

- Consultant A: good, only one sub-consultant, which would theoretically provide more effective communication, hence 100%.
- Consultant B: good, only two subconsultants, which would theoretically provide more effective communication, hence 100%.
- Consultant C: good, only one sub-consultant, which would theoretically provide more effective communication, hence 100%.
- Consultant D: good, although extensive team of sub-consultants (3), which would theoretically lead to slightly less effective communication, hence, 90%.
- Consultant E: good, although extensive team of sub-consultants (5 + 1 subsidiary), which would theoretically lead to least effective communication, hence 70%.
- Consultant F: good, although extensive team of sub-consultants (4), which would theoretically lead to less effective communication, hence 80%.

5.5. The Respondent's Understanding of the Project Objectives – 20%

- Consultant A showed good understanding of project objectives and provided alternatives to larger and more complicated EAPs such as EIS and MID. Gantt Chart provided, proposing 6 months for full technical assessments and field surveys, commencing IAR and EPBC Referrals by early October, and theoretically finishing the project by April 2023. Shows understanding of water allocations (as per Cooper Creek 2011 Plan), aquatic/terrestrial surveys and habitat mapping, numerical modelling of hydraulic and hydrological impacts. Overall, timelines for first phase are competitive, and an indicative timeline is also provided for the second phase, hence they have addressed most of the requirements in detail, scoring 80%.
- Consultant B showed good understanding of project objectives, listed provisional costs and fees for potential EAPs (Development Approval, IAR, EIS, & MID), and described capabilities with most project requirements such as: construction/operation, terrestrial/aquatic ecological studies, flood modelling, air/noise assessment, land suitability, visual amenity, traffic impact, economic impact, social impact, and CH assessment. However, no Gantt Chart was provided to show indicative timelines (“to be provided at project inception”), and no notable assumptions were listed. Overall, Consultant has shown a strong understanding of most project objectives in sufficient detail, scoring between the 2nd and third highest scores, hence 70%.
- Consultant C showed a good process of understanding in terms of starting with ecological, CH/NT assessments before identifying the best approval pathways, however the submission does not specifically mention any EAPs the project is likely to follow (i.e. IAS, IAR, DA, EIS, MID, EPBC Referral, etc). Gantt chart proposes a 41-day draft of a Regulatory Approval Pathway Report following the ENV/CH assessments, proposing to commence the EAP by mid-October, but has no indication of completion time. Overall, response has provided a satisfactory response addressing most of the requirements in sufficient detail, hence 60%.
- Consultant D proposes a good scope focused on desktop assessments and consultation with regulatory authorities before conducting all necessary field assessments/modelling when EAP is known. Shows a clear understanding of the legislative requirements for the project. Shows a good understanding of the MID and Coordinated Project pathways, as well as relevant descriptions of the EAPs that were advised by the OCG. Gantt chart showed an aim to have achieve resolution of the best EAP 10 weeks from conception, which would be early October to start the 2nd Phase. Proposes a combination of items for the EAP, including: PM, Stakeholder

Engagement, ToR/IAS, EIS authorship, flood modelling, terrestrial/aquatic ecology, & CH/NT (all part of the assumed MID process), and includes understanding of the Cooper Creek 2011 water allocation. Therefore, due to competitive timelines and a thorough understanding of all project objectives being shown, Consultant D has scored 100%.

- Consultant E proposes a good scope focused on desktop assessments and consultation with regulatory authorities before conducting Phase 2 (EIS preparation) and Phase 3 (Lodgement of MID) after October, as mentioned in Gantt chart. Shows a good understanding of water allocations (as per Cooper Creek 2011 Plan) and technical understanding of the impacts/implications of raising the weir. Shows a thorough understanding of Phase 1 including: Ecological Values Assessment, Geomorphic and Hydraulic data analysis (including TUFLOW modelling), Water Quality Assessment, and initial CH/NT assessment. Timelines are competitive and shows thorough understanding of all project objectives, hence 100%.
- Consultant F proposes to commence PM, LRC/Gov meetings by early to mid-August, and engineering, design & Geotech by mid-September, with an 18 month timeline finishing Jul-Sep 2023. This timeline is the longest of all submissions, however it shows a comprehensive understanding of the process and provided the most detailed timeline for all potential deliverables. Majority of fieldwork is in mid-October, which assumes an idea of the best EAP shall be known by then, hence timelines for initial consultation phase appear to be consistent with all submissions. Also proposes engineering/design in deliverables, including Flooding and Drainage (hydrology, hydraulic, surface water levels etc.) in the same line item. Timelines are comprehensive and consistent with all submissions, and Consultant shows thorough understanding of all project objectives, hence 100%.

6. TENDER CLARIFICATIONS

- Consultant A: No clarifications required.
- Consultant B: No clarifications required.
- Consultant C: No clarifications required.
- Consultant D: Clarifications were sought from the highest scoring Consultant via email on Friday 08/07/2022 12:36 following a phone call Friday 08/07/2022 12:11. These clarifications were sought to provide Council with "confidence that requirements can be met in full", as per the relevant Evaluation scoring description for the top two scores. A formal response was provided Monday 11/07/2022 16:27, and can be found in Appendix C. On review of the clarification responses, Consultant D was given the 2nd highest score of 80% since it provided a strong response addressing most requirements.
- Consultant E: No clarifications required.
- Consultant F: No clarifications required.

7. EVALUATION SCORE SUMMARY

The Tender submissions are ranked in Table 3.

Table 3 - Tender Evaluation Summary

Criteria		A	B	C	D	E	F
The Respondent's Experience							
Score		2	2	2	1	1	1
Weighting	20%	16%	16%	16%	20%	20%	20%
The Respondent's Resources							
Score		2	3	3	2	1	1
Weighting	20%	16%	12%	12%	16%	20%	20%
The Respondent's Systems							
Score		1	1	1	2	4	3
Weighting	5%	5%	5%	5%	4.5%	3.5%	4%
The Respondent's Understanding of the Project Objectives							
Score		2	3	4	1	1	1
Weighting	20%	16%	14%	12%	20%	20%	20%
Total Non-Price Component	65%	53%	47%	45%	60.5%	63.5%	64%
Rank		4	5	6	3	2	1
Price							
Weighting	35%	28%	21%	21%	31.5%	21%	24.5%
Total Price Component	35%	28%	21%	21%	31.5%	21%	24.5%
Rank		2	4	4	1	4	3
GRAND TOTAL	100%	81%	68%	66%	92%	84.5%	88.5%
OVERALL RANK		4	5	6	1	3	2

8. RECOMMENDATION AND DECLARATION

The overall ranking of the Tenderers is as follows: -

1. Consultant D
2. Consultant F
3. Consultant E
4. Consultant A
5. Consultant B
6. Consultant C

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Person (Position)	Signature
Director Infrastructure Services, Longreach Regional Council	
Roger Naidoo	
Senior Engineer & Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers	
Jason Ricks	
Associate & Principal Cultural Heritage Officer, GBA Consulting Engineers	
Michael Williams	

The Evaluation Committee Members hereby declare that: -

1. I agree to keep all information relating to tender confidential.
2. I shall not use any information which I may receive or create during the evaluation for any purpose other than for the purpose of evaluating.
3. No party may release or make public any information relating to the tender without the prior written approval/consent of the Local Government.
4. A party may disclose any information relating to the tender if it is already in the public domain other than as a result of an act or commission of the party making the disclosure, if the disclosure is required by law, order of court, tribunal, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission or any other regulatory body, provided notice of the need for disclosure is first provided to the other party.
5. I shall not remove or photocopy any documents that I have been provided the right to access in accordance with the parameters for the evaluation of this tender.

APPENDIX A - TENDER EVALUATION

GBA

15.1 - Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project --Appendix 1

Tender Summary

Council Long Term Register Council
 Job Title: Thomson River Weir Raising, Environmental Approval Process
 Job No: 210159
 Closing Date/Time: 2:00pm Friday 24 June 2022 EXTENSION: 4:00pm Tuesday 28 June 2022

	Consultant A	Consultant B	Consultant C	Consultant D	Consultant E	Consultant F
Name of Contact:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Address:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Telephone No. (BH):	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Telephone No. (MH):	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Mobile No.:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Facsimile No.:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
Email:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
(b) ABN:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
(c) ACN:	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not filled out in return schedule	Provided
(d) Provide specific details on experience with initial consultation through to commencement & completion of the EPDA, IAS, IAB, EIS, MID, LGID, and bilateral agreement processes for environmental approvals, including consultation experience with DELWP, DDEW, O&M, DM, and any other State/Federal government body that LRC may need to contact. Include description of experience with any other possible process for environmental approval's also.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
(e) Propose how your company/sub-consultants would assist LRC to: 1. conduct its most actions to commence the initial consultation/advise stage (inclusive of correspondence with necessary state/federal bodies), 2. navigate through the optional environmental approval processes to decide on the most suitable process, and 3. generate the necessary data and reports (such as inundation models, ground-truthing area of impact, impact assessment on MGS/MNES, pre-feasibility study, business case, etc) to commence and complete each potential environmental approval process.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
(f) Propose how your company/sub-consultants would assist LRC to: 1. conduct its most actions to commence the initial consultation/advise stage (inclusive of correspondence with necessary state/federal bodies), 2. navigate through the optional environmental approval processes to decide on the most suitable process, and 3. generate the necessary data and reports (such as inundation models, ground-truthing area of impact, impact assessment on MGS/MNES, pre-feasibility study, business case, etc) to commence and complete each potential environmental approval process.	Propose an approval pathway under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act, i.e. Coordinated Request subject to an Integrated Assessment Report. This will also require an EPIC Referral with the potential for a Coordinated Activity Approval based on Referral Information or Preliminary Documentation. This allows for targeted environmental assessments rather than the more expansive (6) process and leads to an integrated set of stated, imposed or discretionary approval conditions for discretionary State approvals (e.g. water licence, development permits). This is preferred to a MID which will not provide for appropriate integration of considerations under the Water Act and Nature Conservation Act nor provide the ability for bilateral assessment under the EPIC Act. Further details on the proposed approach are set out in Consultant's Consultancy Services Tender.	Propose an approval pathway under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act, i.e. Coordinated Request subject to an Integrated Assessment Report. This will also require an EPIC Referral with the potential for a Coordinated Activity Approval based on Referral Information or Preliminary Documentation. This allows for targeted environmental assessments rather than the more expansive (6) process and leads to an integrated set of stated, imposed or discretionary approval conditions for discretionary State approvals (e.g. water licence, development permits). This is preferred to a MID which will not provide for appropriate integration of considerations under the Water Act and Nature Conservation Act nor provide the ability for bilateral assessment under the EPIC Act. Further details on the proposed approach are set out in Consultant's Consultancy Services Tender.	will apply a simple method of Discovery, Engagement, Development and Implementation, as follows: a. Discovery: We will undertake a comprehensive gap analysis of existing information on the project and then, identify concerns or critical matters that require further information. At this stage, we will make a list of possible approval pathways and provide a preliminary recommendation for preferred approach. b. Engagement: Using the results from the gap analysis and our preliminary preferred pathway, we will prepare short memos for engaging with each agency so we can brief Council on the approach. Once agreed, we will contact officers within each agency and deliver a short presentation to their senior management on the project. This will generate a series of questions that will be used to test different approval approaches and give information on the agency's support for an issue with the approach. This item will directly address point 1. above and will be an important communications step in the project. c. Development: Using our own knowledge and the agency feedback, we will compare potential approval pathways for the project and make a recommendation. Then, we will confirm the approach with the relevant regulator and provide written confirmation to Council, including any assumptions or risks/dependencies to implementation. With Council agreement, we will proceed to define the technical and other scopes needed to support the approval strategy, including fixed price scoping, schedule inputs and application fees. Potential technical studies will cover the construction and operation of the project (including terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, flood modelling, air/mobility assessments, groundwater assessment, land suitability, vegetation, traffic impact, economic impacts, social impacts, cultural heritage and noise assessment).	Refer to Section 2.1 of attached proposal documentation	Refer to Section 2.0 Proposed Approach in the enclosed Tender Document,	Refer to Section 2.0 Proposed Approach in the enclosed Tender Document.
(g) Provide a Program showing the dates by which or the times within which the various stages or parts of the works are to be completed or executed. The program shall be in a Gantt Chart type format, and preferably electronically generated.	See Section 3.0 of Consultancy Services Tender. Quoted 6 months for completion	Not provided in response schedule	Refer to Section 4.0 of attached proposal documentation Proposed 20 July 2022 - 16 October 2022	Refer to Section 6.0 Program in the attached Tender Document.	Proposed commence Monday 08 August 2022 Completion Monday 28 November 2022 Program does not include all works, includes Preparation of Technical Reports, IAS Documents, MID and Judgement of MID proposal.	Anticipate 18 month process. Details Gantt Chart provided.
(h) Provide a price for: 1. conducting initial consultation/advise stage through to commencement of the most suitable environmental approval process, and 2. completing required works for the environmental approval process that the Consultant believes will be the most suitable.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not clearly provided	Provided
(i) Provide details of key personnel, including names, positions & the work to be carried out for the project.	Provided	Provided	Provided a team of five (5) key resources.	Provided	Provided	Provided
(j) Provide details of proposed sub-consultants including names and proposed work to be performed.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not clearly provided	Numerous companies utilized for the delivery of this project. Not clearly identified as sub-consultants.
(k) Provide details of any fees and charges to satisfy Legislative Requirements payable by the Consultant.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not provided	Not clearly provided.
(l) Provide details of any Intellectual Property Rights that the Consultant requires payment of a fee for the Additional Purposes as stated in the CONTRACT.	Waiver for duration of the agreement at no charge	None	Not	Not	Not clearly provided.	Not clearly provided.
(m) Professional Indemnity Insurance Company, Policy No. and amount of cover.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
(n) Public Liability Insurance Company, Policy No. and amount of cover.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
(o) Workers Compensation Insurance Company, Policy No. and amount of cover.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided. Policy number not included.
(p) Vehicle insurance company, Policy No. and amount of cover.	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not provided.	Provided.

15.1 - Environmental Impact Assessment for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project --Appendix 1

	Consultant A	Consultant B	Consultant C	Consultant D	Consultant E	Consultant F
(g) Proposed Consultants liability if different to Item 9 of the Annexures.	See Item 9 of the Annexures		N/A	N/A	Not clearly provided	
(h) Provide a list of assumptions made in the Tender.	See Section 4.5 of Consultancy Services Tender. Variations may be required if the assumed approval process is not possible or if additional approval applications/assessments are required. URC is responsible for engineering/operational design elements which can be aided by assessments. Business case for the weir to be prepared by D&I. Water quality assessment not considered necessary. Council to provide the Mike 12/1M and Mike 11 Rainfall/Runoff models from 2005/2010 D&I studies. Scope does not include the assessment to changes in the downstream water elevations.	In addition to any assumptions stated in the response document, our main assumption is in regards the outcome from development of a preferred approach strategy for the project and the resulting process. Once a preferred strategy is agreed with Council, we will provide a comprehensive scope and cost to complete the works.	Refer to Section 5 of the attached proposal documentation. Variations may be required if the scope of works changes. One meeting per Government Department. Any additional meetings will require additional costs on a time and material basis. Initial site inspection is quoted for 2 days travel and 1 day on site, includes a logging ERM/CR assessment, any further technical assessments will need extra. Variations may be required if site inspection has to stop due to inclement weather. Targeted aquatic surveys are excluded. Assumes that ecological officers will not be required. Excludes noise, vibration, air quality and soil assessments and water quality monitoring and analysis.	Refer to Section 8.2 Assumptions in the Tender Document. URC to provide data for all previous EMU surveys in the project area vicinity. Meetings to be held one unless conference unless specified. Flood modelling process will not require a site inspection. The existing flood base model is fit for continued use without refinement or recalculation. Only 3 additional AEP events will be modelled. URC to provide water yield assessments.	Refer to Section 11 of the Submission.	Refer to Page 46 of Submission.
(i) Provide a list of any qualifications of the Tender.	See Section 4.5 of Consultancy Services Tender		Refer to Section 5 of the attached proposal documentation	Refer to Section 8.2 Qualifications in the Tender Document.	Refer to Section 11 of the Submission.	Refer to Page 46 of Submission.
(k) Provide information on Consultant and all Subconsultants' work health and safety policies.	See Section 4.6 and Annex B of Consultancy Services Tender	All subconsultants conform to our standard contract requirements, including WHS	Refer to Section 25 of the attached proposal documentation	Refer to Section 6.7 'Our Systems' in the Tender Document.	Not clearly provided	Provided.
(l) Provide any other information the Tenderer may consider relevant to the tender.	See Consultancy Services Tender	Please refer to the letters accompanying the response documents where experience and approach for the project has been summarised.		N/A	Not clearly provided	
Signed Tender Form	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•
Signed Schedule of Rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•
Signed Daywork Rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•
Signed Addendums	No addendums	No addendums	No addendums	No addendums	No addendums	No addendums
Date Received	Before Closing Date	Before Closing Date	Before Closing Date	Before Closing Date	Before Closing Date	Before Closing Date
Time Received	Before Closing Time	Before Closing Time	Before Closing Time	Before Closing Time	Before Closing Time	Before Closing Time
Other Comments						

APPENDIX B - TENDERERS

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TENDERERS

The six (6) Tenderers assessed in this Tender Evaluation are identified as follows:

1. Consultant A
2. Consultant B
3. Consultant C
4. Consultant D
5. Consultant E
6. Consultant F

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APPENDIX C - TENDER CLARIFICATIONS

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Response to Tender Clarifications:

1. Can you please clarify your assumption that “LRC will take responsibility for developing evidence to support items 11 to 15 from Schedule 3 of the *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules*, if the selected pathway is MID”, and will Consultant be able to assist LRC to produce “Plans and technical reports” to address any of the matters identified in Schedule 3? Please provide examples of plans/technical reports that would be and would not be inside the realm of the MID process.

Response:

This assumption should be amended to read –

“LRC will take responsibility for developing evidence to support items 11 to 12 and 13 to 14 from Schedule 3 of the *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules*, if MID is the selected approval pathway.”

Plans and technical reports will be generated by Consultant (and subconsultants), as required, to address the environmental impact assessment (EIA) requirements of the MID application process. However, we would still be reliant on provision by LRC of reports and drawings relating to non-EIA matters, such as needs demand for the project (e.g. Business Case, or similar), engineering and design aspects of the proposal (e.g. Reference Design Report, or similar) and stakeholder engagement (e.g. Stakeholder Engagement Report, or similar).

2. The Queensland Treasury’s *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules 11-15* also includes:

- A. management of outcomes from Stakeholder Engagement (rule 11),
- B. Consultation Strategy (rule 12),
- C. landowner consent or contractual agreement (rule 14), and
- D. satisfying satisfy 36(1) of the *Planning Act 2016* (rule 15, exert below).

“To make a designation, a designator must be satisfied that— (a) the infrastructure will satisfy statutory requirements, or budgetary commitments, for the supply of the infrastructure; or (b) there is or will be a need for the efficient and timely supply of the infrastructure.”

A-C are understood as reasonable items for Council’s responsibility, but can you please confirm whether D is related to anything specific to the EIS/MID process, and/or just infrastructure/construction related? And could Consultant assist Council to satisfy A-D on request if required?

Response:

Satisfaction of Rule 15, addressing the requirements of section 36(1) of the *Planning Act 2016*, can be achieved by demonstrating the necessity for the proposal, including the proponent’s (LRC) statutory obligation to deliver the proposal.

It is presumed that section 36(1)(a) would be addressed through providing evidence that LRC have a statutory obligation to ensure water security is maintained for rate-payers within the Longreach Region local government area, and that budgetary measures have been implemented by LRC to ensure funding for the proposal.

It is presumed that section 36(1)(b) would be addressed through providing details on the relatively urgent need for the proposal to be delivered, to ensure long-term water security for rate-payers within the Longreach Region local government area.

Whilst arguments to address section 36(1) of the *Planning Act* can be presented in the EIA, Consultant will be reliant on LRC to supply a Business Case (or similar) for the project as a point of reference when developing the EIA.

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If requested by LRC, Consultant could provide a fee to facilitate/manage the development and execution of a Consultation Strategy, addressing Rules 11 & 12 of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*.

If contractual agreements with affected landholders are required to address Rule 14 of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, then it is recommended that LRC engage the services of legal representation with experience in land access agreement law.

3. You've mentioned that "the effect of the MID is to make specified work 'accepted development' under the Planning Act, circumventing the need for development approvals". Please elaborate on the DA requirements as per assumption of accepted development, for example, is this related to vegetation clearing, and does the MID process negate DA requirements for waterway barrier works?

Response:

Section 44(6)(b)(ii) of the Planning Act ensures that development in relation to infrastructure under a designation is accepted development. Development in relation to infrastructure can include any or all of the following:

- (a) works for the infrastructure (the height, shape, bulk, landscaping, or location of works, for example);
- (b) the use of premises, for example—
 - (i) vehicular and pedestrian access to, and circulation on, premises; and
 - (ii) operating times for the use; and
 - (iii) ancillary uses;
- (c) lessening the impact of the works or use (environmental management procedures, for example).

Section 44(6)(b)(ii) of the Planning Act will apply as long as the activity that would otherwise be regarded as assessable development (e.g. clearing native vegetation, waterway barrier works etc.) is appropriately demonstrated as being necessary to enable the designated infrastructure, and the relevant State codes under the State development and Assessment Provisions are acceptably addressed in the EIA (e.g. State code 16 for native vegetation clearing, State code 18 for constructing or raising waterway barrier works).

4. Can you also please elaborate on your assumption that there will be "no referral of the project under the EPBC Act"?

Response:

It is not possible, at this time, to fully appreciate the likelihood of the proposal resulting in significant impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance, under the EPBC Act. Therefore, in the absence of this certainty, we have elected to exclude costs associated with referring the project under the EPBC Act from our cost estimate.

At the conclusion of the initial impact assessment, we expect to have sufficient information on hand to determine the need to refer the project to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment for assessment under the EPBC Act (refer Section 3.1.3 of our submission document). If it is determined at that point that an EPBC Referral is warranted, then we can provide LRC with a scope and fee to develop referral documentation and manage the referral process, as a variation to the contract.

2. LATE ITEMS
2.2 - LGAQ Annual Conference Motion

2.2 LGAQ Annual Conference Motion

File Ref:

Endorsement of motions to be tabled at the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) 126th Annual Conference to be held in Cairns from 17-19 October 2022.

Council Action

Recognise

Advocate

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

GOVERNANCE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.4.1	Develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with regional agencies and government organisations.	Provide support to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in coordinating advocacy and regional representation with external corporate and intergovernmental stakeholders.	100% of requests for support are completed within a timely manner resulting in no missed deadlines. Provide assistance and advice in coordinating regular Council delegations to Canberra and Brisbane as required.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2021-08-196)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That:

- 1. The Asset Sustainability Depreciation Fund Motion is retrospectively endorsed by Council for submission to the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference;*
- 2. The Local Government Community Child Care Fund Review Motion is retrospectively endorsed by Council for submission to the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference; and,*
- 3. The Stock Route Network Maintenance Motion is retrospectively endorsed by Council for submission to the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference, noting that LGAQ will include the motion in a composite motion incorporating the contributions from other Local Governments on the matter.*

CARRIED

2. LATE ITEMS

2.2 - LGAQ Annual Conference Motion

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Simon Kuttner – Executive Officer, Economic Development & Public Affairs

Background:

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), is the state level peak body for the Local Government sector. It plays a key role in advocating for outcomes with State and Federal Governments on behalf of its members. The policy direction for this advocacy program is determined annually at the LGAQ Annual General Meeting, held as part of the association's Annual Conference.

All member councils have the opportunity to submit motions to be debated at the annual conference. Motions are debated and submitted to a vote at the Annual Conference. Longreach Regional Council is entitled to two votes, typically delegated to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. This year's LGAQ Annual Conference is scheduled to take place 17-19 October in Cairns.

Motions that are carried at the annual conference are subsequently referred to the LGAQ Policy Executive, which consists of a President and 15 elected regional representatives, who meet 6 times a year to discuss and determine LGAQ policy.

Issue:

Longreach Regional Council is proposing to put forward one motion to the Annual Conference, titled 'Advocacy for Primary Health Outcomes' and reading as follows:

That the LGAQ partner with health industry bodies, such as the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland, in their advocacy for improved primary health outcomes in regional communities.

The draft motion submission, including supporting and background information, is attached for Councillors reference.

All motions submitted to LGAQ must be endorsed through a Council Meeting prior to submission. Motion submissions close on Wednesday 10 August.

Risk Management Factors:

This matter has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Unlikely
Consequence: Minor
Rating: Low (4/25)

Risk has been calculated based on proceeding as recommended.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

In addition to submissions from member councils, each year the LGAQ Policy Executive prepares its own set of motions for consideration. This year's Policy Executive motions are also attached for Councillors reference.

Appendices

1. Motions 2022 - Advocacy for Primary Health Outcomes.pdf

2. LATE ITEMS
2.2 - LGAQ Annual Conference Motion

2. Policy Executive endorsed motions.pdf

Recommendation:

That the 'Advocacy for Primary Health Outcomes' motion be endorsed by Council for submission to the 2022 LGAQ Annual Conference.



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2022 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motions template

Please use this template to prepare and submit your motion using the link below.
Please use text only – no images or tables.

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Mayor Tony Rayner
Do you have a contact at the LGAQ for this motion? (optional)	
Submitting council (required)	Longreach Regional Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	
Council resolution # (required)	
Date of council resolution (required)	21/07/2022
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does this motion have state-wide relevance? (This is a required field)	
Title of motion (required)	Advocacy for Primary Health Outcomes
Motion (required)	That the LGAQ partner with health industry bodies, such as the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland, in their advocacy for improved primary health outcomes in regional communities.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	<p>Primary Health is not a direct responsibility of local government; however the quality of primary health care outcomes is a key ingredient in the development of resilient and healthy communities.</p> <p>This motion would have LGAQ consider ways in which the local government sector can lend its support to ongoing advocacy for improved primary health outcomes, particularly by seeking to form a relationship with other associations such as the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland.</p>



Background
(required) 350 word limit

Many councils are concerned about, and have an obvious interest in, Primary Health Care provision in their communities, particularly regarding access to General Practitioners. There are many inputs to this, including the increasing specialisation of medical careers, skilled migration factors including the credentialing of overseas trained professionals, plus supply-chain and labour-market forces more generally.

While Primary Health is not a direct responsibility of local government, primary health care outcomes are a key ingredient in the development of resilient and healthy communities. Primary care, and maintaining the number of doctors in Australia, is a federal responsibility. Despite this, it is still possible to adopt a place-based approach to improving outcomes, and local government could potentially play a leading role in such an approach.

The Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ) was formed in 1989 to improve the health of rural and remote Queenslanders and support rural doctors and their families. Rural communities have poorer health outcomes. Health professionals in these communities face unique challenges. RDAQ is a tenacious advocate for improved health outcomes and a sustainable workforce for rural Queensland.

Their most recent state government campaign called for action in six areas:

- Equity of access and health for Indigenous communities
- Bring back rural birthing
- Give rural communities the care they deserve
- Modernise rural and remote incentives for a modern workforce





	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain a policy home for rural and remote health• Health Care facilities must be first class regardless of location <p>These goals are strongly linked to the community development interests of the local government sector, and align with the agreed view of LGAQ that 'every Queensland community deserves to be a liveable one.'</p> <p>It is possible that by lending our support as a local government sector, we can positively engage in advocacy that builds healthy communities which support wellbeing and resilience.</p>
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Policy Executive endorsed motions

State Government

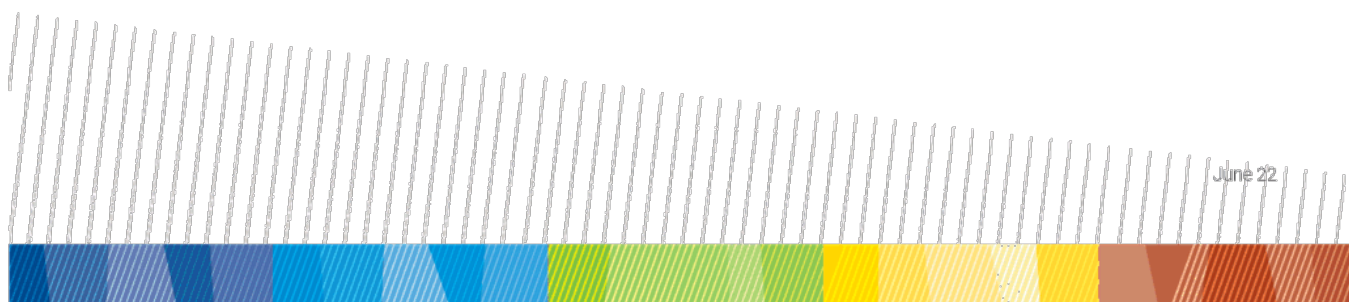
The following State Government-focused motions are proposed for PE endorsement. These motions reflect key advocacy asks on behalf of members for action by the State Government.

1. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to retain the current voting system for local government elections, respecting the views of Queenslanders, Queensland councils and the recommendations of the State-commissioned report into local government elections.
2. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to permanently fund the successful Works for Queensland program at a minimum of \$100 million a year, plus indexation, to give councils and local communities certainty.
3. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to fund the SEQ Stimulus program at \$50 million a year for the next four years.
4. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to reintroduce a funding program to help councils plan projects and conduct business cases, in line with the former Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline program.
5. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to:
 - establish a comprehensive and full statutory immunity / indemnity for local governments in Queensland's legislative framework (and supporting guidance) in consultation with Queensland councils, relating to natural hazards and climate change decisions and actions made in 'good faith', similar to what occurs in other jurisdictions such as under section 733 of the New South Wales Local Government Act 1993.
 - review the current minimum insurance requirements prescribed under s214 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in consultation with Queensland councils, to ensure these are contemporary and fit-for-purpose.

Federal Government

The following Federal Government-focused motions are proposed for PE endorsement.

1. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore Federal Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue to address the serious financial sustainability issues experienced by all councils.
2. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to permanently fund the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at \$500 million per year, nationwide, to continue supporting the provision of job-creating projects across every local community.
3. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to commit to adopting and implementing the recommendations of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review.
4. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to support dedicated consultation and engagement with local government as part of its commitment to the Uluru statement, enshrining an Indigenous Voice to parliament, the development of a Makarrata Commission, and constitutional recognition for First Nations People.



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State and Federal Government

The following motion requiring both State and Federal government action is proposed for PE endorsement.

1. The LGAQ calls on the State and Federal Government to adopt the Local Government Housing Action Plan and work with councils to implement its six key points to help ease the housing crisis impacting Queensland communities.



June 22
Grace McSorley