

5 CONTRACT 17/36 - DEEP CREEK RESERVE LANDSCAPE PACKAGE

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

- The tender submitted by Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd to undertake the works associated with Contract 17/36 - Deep Creel Reserve Landscape Package be accepted for the contract sum of \$388,056.00 (Excl. GST);
- The remaining Tenderers be advised accordingly; and
- The common seal of the Council be affixed to the contract documents.

Attachments

1 Confidential memorandum circulated to councillors only 4 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Deep Creek masterplan identifies a number of significant developments at the Deep Creek Reserve in Pakenham. These include a regional all-abilities playspace, eco building and golf club, major wetlands and more. This 42-hectare site is located south of the Pakenham Golf Course and will feature a unique range of environmental, educational, and recreational attractions.

The delivery of the Deep Creek project consists of six separately tendered packages broken up into:

- Bulk earthworks (completed)
- Construction of the building and services
- Construction of the regional all-abilities playspace
- Civil works package for the car park and associated drainage
- Pakenham Golf Course - Construction of New Holes
- Landscaping package of works

A number of these packages will be delivered concurrently. The Deep Creek nursery and trails are to follow in later financial years. The delivery of the proposed wetlands is dependant on successful funding being received from Melbourne Water.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to undertake landscape works to compliment the civil and building works packages. The landscape component of the project was split from the civil package to ensure the highest quality control on this component. It was recognised that the Deep Creek Reserve is a major development with an extremely high emphasis on the environmental aspects of the site, placing a high importance on ensuring the correct plants are sourced properly. As such, the contract documentation highlighted the importance of the provision of indigenous plants of local providence. The proposed works involve planting, furniture installation, hydro seeding, and other associated works.

The tender for the Deep Creek Reserve landscape package submitted by Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd is the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money and excellent service through their extensive experience and expertise in indigenous landscaping works.

It is therefore recommended that Contract 17/36 for the landscape package at the Deep Creek Reserve be awarded accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The masterplan for the site provides for a large scale development including all abilities playspace, major wetlands and demonstration wetlands, an eco-theme throughout the site incorporating vegetation improvements and habitat creation, an indigenous nursery, car parking and a multi-user shared facility building, combining sports, ecological values and education.

The landscape component of the Deep Creek Reserve development is considered a critical component, which will provide the finishing touches and beautification to the precinct. It is important that the seed stock sourced to grow the plants required, are of local provenance and high quality.

Tenders were advertised on 7 October 2017 and closed on 31 October 2017. A total of seven (7) tenders were received from the following tenderers:

Contractor
2Construct
Felix Botanica
Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management
Warrandale Industries
Australian Ecosystems
JMAC Constructions
Kirchner Constructions

Tenders were evaluated against the criteria of capability and capacity, relevant experience and past performance of the tenderer, quality system and project plan, compliance with the specifications, financial viability, risk and insurance, compliance to conditions of contract, conflict of interest, OHS, compliance to the conditions of tender, pricing and value for money.

To provide best value for money, it is recommended that the Deep Creek Reserve Landscape Package be awarded to Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd for the sum of \$388,056.00 (Excl. GST).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

This project is consistent with efforts to " Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents", " Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport,

recreation and leisure activities", and " Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs".

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Initial community consultation has been undertaken during the development of the Deep Creek Reserve Masterplan.

Extensive consultation has been held with key stakeholders the Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC) & Pakenham Golf Club throughout the planning and design stage of the landscaping component of this project.

Consultation with the community and affected property owners to notify them of disruptions, if any, throughout the construction works will form part of the project planning and delivery after the award of this Contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project has been made available in the Capital Works Program. The recommended tender submitted by Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$388,056.00 (Excl. GST) is within the funding available to deliver this project.

CONCLUSION

The tender submitted by Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd for the landscape package at the Deep Creek Reserve is considered to be the most beneficial to Council and it is recommended that Contract 17/36 - Deep Creek Reserve Landscape Package be awarded to Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd for \$388,056.00 (Excl. GST).