

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.00AM

Please note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

Present

Mayor, Councillor Krieg; Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob, Waters together with Mr Gibbons, General Manager; Dr Logan, Chief Operating Officer; Mr Butron, Chief Community Officer; Mr Snow, Head Planning & Environment; Mr Readman, Manager Technology & Innovation; Mr Hewage, Acting Manager Finance; Ms van Iersel, Strategic Planning Coordinator; Mr Schubert, Technology Support Officer; Ms Cotterill, Governance & Risk Manager and Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer to the General Manager & Mayor and Councillors.

Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

- 102/24 **RESOLVED** that:
1. an apology be received from Councillor Hall
 2. a leave of absence be received from Councillor Bing from 27 January 2025 to 3 February 2025
- (Councillors Gordon/Dalton-Earls)
- Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters
- Voting against:** Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

- 103/24 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meeting be confirmed:
- Ordinary Council meeting 12 November 2024
 - Confidential Council meeting 12 November 2024
- (Councillors Gordon/Battista)
- Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters
- Voting against:** Nil

Disclosures of Interest

Clr Gordon declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:

11.1 Planning Proposal to allow an Additional Permitted Use at 92 Dunoon Road, North Lismore

Nature: I will leave the Chamber

Clr Battista declared a Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:

12.6 Mobile Food and Drink Outlets

Nature: I will leave the Chamber

Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item: 10.1 Questions on Notice – Lismore Lake toilet facilities

Nature: I will leave the Chamber

Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item: 10.1 Questions on Notice – Santin Quarry

Nature: I will stay in the Chamber if discussed

Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item: 13.1 Bush Regeneration Panel Contract

Nature: As a member of Richmond Landcare, I will leave the Chamber

Public Forum

Prior to dealing with the circulated reports and associated information, a Public Forum was held at which Council was addressed by the following:

Notices of Motion / Questions with Notice

12.4 Advocacy for Retention of Humanities and Creative Arts at Southern Cross University

FOR	Jan Davis
	Andrew Binns

Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions

Reports of Committees

9.1 Local Traffic Committee - 20 November 2024

104/24 **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 20 November 2024 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls) (BP24/1078)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Nil

Altering Order of Business

MOTION moved that the order of business be altered to debate the following matters:

- 12.4 Advocacy for Retention of Humanities and Creative Arts at Southern Cross University
- 11.3 Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme

(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith)

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 10:27AM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 10:29AM

105/24 **RESOLVED** that the order of business be altered to debate the following matters:

- 12.4 Advocacy for Retention of Humanities and Creative Arts at Southern Cross University
- 11.3 Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme

(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Councillor Rob

12.4 Advocacy for Retention of Humanities and Creative Arts at Southern Cross University

MOTION moved that Council:

1. calls on Southern Cross University (SCU) to reconsider its recent decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music and digital media from 2025. The Council urges SCU to reconsider and work collaboratively with stakeholders to find sustainable solutions that preserve these critical programs
2. writes to the relevant Federal Ministers urging them to restore equity to the cost of Humanities degrees to ensure that people can pursue training in Music, Creative Arts and the Humanities without financial barriers and do not deter people from pursuing creative arts education
3. writes to relevant State Ministers to take urgent action to increase funding and other support for regional arts and music events and advocate to Federal Ministers to restore equity to the cost of Humanities degrees

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council meet with the Vice-Chancellor of SCU to understand the reason behind the decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music and digital media from 2025.

(Councillor Jensen)

Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 10:55AM

Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 10:56AM

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council meet with the Vice-Chancellor of SCU to understand the reason behind the decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs and move programs from Lismore.

(Councillor Rob)

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MOTION moved that Council:

1. calls on Southern Cross University (SCU) to reconsider its recent decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music and digital media from 2025. The Council urges SCU to reconsider and work collaboratively with stakeholders to find sustainable solutions that preserve these critical programs
2. writes to the relevant Federal Ministers urging them to restore equity to the cost of Humanities degrees to ensure that people can pursue training in Music, Creative Arts and the Humanities without financial barriers and do not deter people from pursuing creative arts education
3. writes to relevant State Ministers to take urgent action to increase funding and other support for regional arts and music events and advocate to Federal Ministers

to restore equity to the cost of Humanities degrees

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith) (BP24/1110)

Voting for: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Krieg and Rob

The vote being tied the Mayor declared the motion **DEFEATED** with his casting vote.

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RESOLVED that Council meet with the Vice-Chancellor of SCU to understand the reason behind the decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music and digital media from 2025.

(Councillors Jensen/Bing) (BP24/1110)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Guise and Rob

11.3 Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme

MOTION moved that Council:

1. not support the Planning Proposal
2. instruct the General Manager to advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the Planning Proposal is not supported and request it not be finalised

(Councillors Bing/Battista)

Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 11:08AM

Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 11:09AM

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that:

1. Council supports the Planning Proposal to introduce an Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme and confirms that no sites shall be mapped in the Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012
2. the Planning Proposal be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for the written amendments to the Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012 to be finalised and made, as per the delegation of the Gateway Determination
3. Council adopts the Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme

(Councillor Guise)

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 11:14AM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 11:16AM

Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 11:20AM

Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 11:22AM

108/24 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. not support the Planning Proposal
2. instruct the General Manager to advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the Planning Proposal is not supported and request it not be finalised

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP24/978)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

Voting against: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

Public Question Time

Mr James Richardson asked the following question:

Given that the current code of meeting practice ensures:

- a. that Public Access now begins at 10am,
- b. is live-streamed and recorded, and
- c. that staff and councillors are required to be in attendance to hear speakers

Can the Mayor and General Manager clarify:

- a. the proposed start time for Public Access under the draft Code of Meeting Practice (COMP) to be discussed today,
- b. whether Public Access will continue to be live-streamed and archived with the meeting proper,
- c. whether staff and councillors will be legally required to attend Public Access, and can the Mayor give an undertaking of his support to ensure Public Access under the exhibited CoMP is enhanced, rather than curtailed

The Mayor advised that answers could not be provided as this matter will be debated later in the meeting.

At this point the meeting adjourned for a short recess due to technical issues with the livestream, the time being 11.32AM

The meeting resumed at 11:38AM

Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 11:40AM

Matters Arising

10.1 Questions on Notice

109/24 **RESOLVED** that the Questions on Notice responses provided in this report be noted.

(Councillors Gordon/Waters) (BP24/1048)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Guise and Knight-Smith

Absent: Councillor Rob

Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 11:42AM

Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 11:43AM

Reports of the General Manager

11.1 Planning Proposal to allow an Additional Permitted Use at 92 Dunoon Rd, North Lismore

110/24 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. forward the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking a Gateway determination and proceeds to public exhibition in accordance with any Gateway requirements, and
2. confirms that should any objections be made during the public exhibition stage that the planning proposal be reported back to Council. If no objections are received, the planning proposal be finalised and made, as per the delegation of the Gateway determination

(Councillors Battista/Dalton-Earls) (BP24/1044)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillor Guise

Absent: Councillor Gordon

Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 11:49AM

11.2 Development Control Plan housekeeping amendments

- 111/24 **RESOLVED** that:
1. the amended Development Control Plan 2012 chapters, as identified in this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 21 days.
 2. should no objections be raised, the amended Development Control Plan chapters come into effect. If objections are raised, a further report be made to Council outlining the submissions received and any subsequent changes made.

(Councillors Bing/Gordon) (BP24/979)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillor Guise

11.4 Investments - November 2024

- 112/24 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP24/1117)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob

Voting against: Councillors Guise and Waters

11.5 Code of Conduct Statistical Reporting

- 113/24 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the attached annual report on Code of Conduct statistics for Lismore City Council and that the report will be forwarded to the Office of Local Government.

(Councillors Gordon/Dalton-Earls) (BP24/975)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Guise and Rob

11.6 Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy

MOTION moved that:

1. the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, excluding changes to clause 6.29
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Policy be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy is adopted by Council

(Councillors Rob/Knight-Smith)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that:

1. the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Policy be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy is adopted by Council

(Councillor Battista)

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RESOLVED that:

1. the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, excluding changes to clause 6.29
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Policy be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy is adopted by Council

(Councillors Rob/Knight-Smith) (BP24/795)

Voting for: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Battista, Bing and Gordon

11.7 Councillor & Officer Interaction Policy

MOTION moved that Council adopt the Councillor & Officer Interaction Policy, as attached to this report.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council adopt the Councillor & Officer Interaction Policy, as attached to this report excluding clauses 4.2, 4.3 and 4.21.

(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith)

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 12:35PM

115/24 **DEFEATED** that Council adopt the Councillor & Officer Interaction Policy, as attached to this report.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP24/796)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon and Krieg

Voting against: Councillors Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob and Waters

Absent: Councillor Dalton-Earls

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 12:37PM

The Chief Community Officer left the meeting, the time being 12:37PM

At this point the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:37PM

The meeting resumed at 1:05PM.

116/24 **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the Councillor & Officer Interaction Policy, as attached to this report excluding clauses 4.2, 4.3 and 4.21.

(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith) (BP24/796)

Voting for: Councillors Bing, Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Battista, Gordon and Jensen

11.8 Council Briefings Policy

MOTION moved that the Council Briefings Policy remain unchanged.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Rob)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council adopt the Council Briefings Policy, as attached to this report.

(Councillor Krieg)

117/24 **RESOLVED** that the Council Briefings Policy remain unchanged.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Rob) (BP24/799)

Voting for: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon and Jensen

11.9 Codes of Conduct and Procedures

118/24 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts:

1. the Code of Conduct for Councillors 2023
2. the Code of Conduct for Staff 2023
3. the Code of Conduct for Committees 2023
4. the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW as attached to this report.

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP24/797)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Nil

11.10 Code of Meeting Practice Review

MOTION moved that:

1. in accordance with section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Code of Meeting Practice at Attachment 1 to this report, with the inclusion that Public Access is livestreamed, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and submissions received for 42 days
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice is adopted by Council

(Councillors Battista/Bing)

DEFEATED that the motion be put.

(Councillor Gordon)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon and Krieg
Voting against: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob and Waters

Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 1:39PM

Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 1:41PM

AMENDMENT moved that:

1. in accordance with section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Code of Meeting Practice at Attachment 1 to this report, with the inclusion that Public Access is livestreamed and speakers are permitted four (4) minutes, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and submissions received for 42 days
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice is adopted by Council

(Councillor Rob)

Lapsed due to want of a seconder.

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RESOLVED that:

1. in accordance with section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Code of Meeting Practice at Attachment 1 to this report, with the inclusion that Public Access is livestreamed, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and submissions received for 42 days
2. if any objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice is adopted by Council

(Councillors Battista/Bing) (BP24/798)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen and Krieg
Voting against: Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith, Rob and Waters

11.11 Minutes from External Committees and Organisations

- 120/24 MOTION moved that:
1. Council notes the draft minutes of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library, Rous County Council and Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
 2. a briefing be held regarding potential changes to the Executive Council of RTRL
- (Councillors Dalton-Earls/Gordon)

Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 2:10PM

Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 2:11PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 2:12PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 2:14PM

Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 2:19PM

Councillor Electra Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 2:21PM

- 121/24 **RESOLVED** that:
1. Council notes the draft minutes of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library, Rous County Council and Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
 2. a briefing be held regarding potential changes to the Executive Council of RTRL
- (Councillors Dalton-Earls/Gordon) (BP24/1073)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob

Voting against: Councillors Guise and Waters

Notices of Motion / Questions with Notice

12.1 Mayoral Attendance Report

MOTION moved that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for November 2024.

(Councillors Krieg/Bing)

Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 2:29PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 2:30PM

Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 2:30PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 2:31PM

122/24 **RESOLVED** that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for November 2024.

(Councillors Krieg/Bing) (BP24/1065)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Councillor Rob

12.2 CBD Footpath Upgrades

123/24 **RESOLVED** that Council seek funding opportunities through NSW and Australian Government grant programs to continue upgrading the footpaths around the Lismore CBD.

(Councillors Krieg/Knight-Smith) (BP24/1105)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Nil

12.3 Lismore and Villages Community Pride

124/24 **RESOLVED** that Council establishes a 'Community Pride' team responsible for:

1. enhancing and maintaining the entrances to the city and villages by improving landscaping, signage, and aesthetic features
2. coordinating an appropriate cleaning and maintenance schedule for all signs, footpaths, bench seating, BBQ facilities, and public areas within the city and villages
3. engaging with the community to identify priority areas and collaborate on beautification projects
4. providing a quarterly report to Council on the activities, improvements, and outcomes of the 'Community Pride' team

(Councillors Battista/Bing) (BP24/1111)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Nil

12.5 Bridge removals

Can the General Manager please update Council on discussions with Transport for NSW regarding rail bridges being removed. There was another accident on 17 November 2024 when a bus hit the Union Street bridge. When is this bridge being removed and when is Alexandra Parade being removed?

Chief Operating Officer's response:

In recent weeks there has been a few incidents. Officers were asked to revisit the 2023 resolution in relation to this. It is officers view that the Union Street and Alexandra Parade should be removed as a priority. Winterton Parade is in a state of disrepair but doesn't cause any disruption to industry so isn't as high a priority. Ideally we would retain Crane Street for the connectivity of the rail trail.

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RESOLVED that Council:

1. rescind its resolution of October 2023 regarding removal of rail bridges
2. write to the Local Member and Transport for NSW seeking:
 - a. expeditious removal of the rail bridge at Union Street
 - b. expeditious removal of the rail bridge at Alexandra Parade
 - c. following removal of the rail bridges at Union Street and Alexandra Parade, works be scheduled to remove the rail bridge at Winterton Parade
 - d. the rail bridge at Crane St not be removed to ensure proper connectivity for future sections of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP24/1049)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Nil

Councillor Battista left the meeting, the time being 3:08PM

12.6 Mobile Food and Drink Outlets

Can staff outline the rules relating to the retail sale of food, drinks and related products on land from a mobile outlet, and specifically clarify whether it is permissible to operate on public land without permission, or if vehicular or pedestrian access can be restricted in any way when operating on any land?

General Manager's response:

Subdivision 27A of State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 provides for an approval pathway where 'mobile food and drink outlets' can be undertaken as exempt development provided they comply with the following nominated development standards.

Subdivision 27A Mobile food and drink outlets

2.54A Specified development

The carrying out of the retail sale of food, drinks and related products on land from a mobile outlet such as a food truck, van, cart or other similar vehicle is development specified for this code.

2.54B Development standards

The standards specified for that development are that the development must—

- (a) have the consent of the owner of the land on which the development is carried out or, if a council or public authority has the control and management of the land, the consent, in writing, of the council or public authority, and
- (b) not restrict any vehicular or pedestrian access to or from the land or entry to any building on the land, and
- (c) not obstruct the operation of, or access to, any utility services on the land or on adjacent land, and
- (d) not be located within the canopy of, or result in damage to, any tree growing on the land or on adjacent land, and
- (e) not result in any damage to public property on the land or on adjacent land, and
- (f) if carried out on land in a residential zone—only be carried out between 7am and 7pm, and
- (f1) if carried out on land immediately adjacent to a residential zone—only be carried out between 7am and 10pm, and
- (g) if located on a public place—have any approval required under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, and
- (h) if located on private land—be limited to 1 development on that land and not contravene any conditions of a development consent for any other use carried out on the land.

Note — A registrable vehicle within the meaning of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007*, or a cart, bicycle cart or the like must operate in accordance with the Guidelines for mobile food vending vehicles (NSW/FA/F1055/1302) published by the NSW Food Authority in February 2013, and any requirements of the *Food Act 2003*.

Clause 2.54B(a) requires an operator to have the consent of the owner of the land on which the development is carried out or, if a council or public authority has the control and management of the land, the consent, in writing, of the council or public authority.

Clause 2.54B(b) requires an operator to undertake the activity so as not restrict any vehicular or pedestrian access to or from or entry to any building on the land.

Where representations are made to Council regarding non-compliance, the matter is reviewed in accordance with Councils Enforcement Policy and associated Compliance and Enforcement Guidelines.

Councillor Battista returned to the meeting, the time being 3:09PM

12.7 Alcohol Availability

Please confirm if alcohol is available on council premises and, if so, if consumption is monitored and restricted, and what work, health and safety measures are in place to ensure councillors or staff do not travel home after consuming alcohol?

General Manager's response:

The supply and consumption of alcohol to councillors is always provided in line with statute policies and regulations.

MOTION moved that alcohol not be made available to councillors on Council premises unless at an official function and served by a person with a Responsible Service of Alcohol certification.

(Councillors Rob/Guise)

Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 3:14PM

Councillor Guise left the meeting, the time being 3:14PM

Councillor Guise returned to the meeting, the time being 3:14PM

Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 3:16PM

Councillor Guise left the meeting, the time being 3:16PM

Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 3:17PM

Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 3:17PM

Councillor Guise returned to the meeting, the time being 3:19PM

126/24 **DEFEATED** that alcohol not be made available to councillors on Council premises unless at an official function and served by a person with a Responsible Service of Alcohol certification.

(Councillors Rob/Guise) (BP24/990)

Voting for: Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen and Krieg

At this point the meeting adjourned for a recess, the time being 3:28PM

The meeting resumed at 3:39PM

12.8 Consultants and Local Content

Can staff please explain how consultants are being vetted according to Council policy if the main consultant can secure a contract with zero local content, but then declare a local content component by outsourcing some of their work to a local sub-consultant, and how this layering of several consultants does not ultimately cost ratepayers more?

General Manager's response:

All of Council's procurement activities are driven by Value For Money (VFM) principles that encompass the five core elements/criteria that make up VFM. These elements (Total Cost; Capability & Experience; WHS, Risk Management & Quality; Environment & Community; Local Content) are also weighted with said weighting reflecting the strategic priorities of Council as well as the priorities of any given purchase.

Currently, as per Council's Policy, the "Local Content" element is weighted at a minimum of 20%. The elements weighting is determined by officers as per the priorities of the purchase.

Other than pricing, the evaluation of any given supplier response is subjective and reliant on the professional judgement of Council officers involved in the decision. Once responses are evaluated and scored by officers, a ranking process managed via an auditable spreadsheet, determines the preferred supplier. It follows that the highest score determines the preferred supplier.

A prime contractor/sub-contractor arrangement does not automatically mean higher costs as the commercial relationship between the prime and sub needs to be understood and considered. Such a relationship would usually be commercially confidential and not available to Council. Indeed, it may very well be that local suppliers, with different internal cost structures, provided pricing that was considerably more expensive outweighing any local content benefit.

12.9 Lismore Chamber of Commerce funding

Can the General Manager please explain why the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce receives substantial annual funding to administer as they deem fit, while the Lismore Chamber of Commerce receives zero annual funding when they have several times many more members and run regular monthly networking events where many people regularly attend?

General Manager's response:

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce receives funding due to a Council resolution originally adopted in 2003 and its inclusion in the operational plan annually.

Council collects a rate for Lismore promotion and this is administered by Council in line with programs designed to deliver the outcome of the rate collected

MOTION moved that a briefing be held on the potential for Business Lismore to receive funding, similar to the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce.

(Councillor Rob)

Lapsed due to want of a seconder.

12.10 Cashless Revolve Shop

Can the General Manager provide relevant month vs month and year vs year comparisons between takings at the Revolve Shop when it did take cash and takings since it stopped, highlighting any noticeable variations?

General Manager's response:

There has been continued growth in sales at the Revolve Shop regardless of Council's decision to not accept cash in approximately August 2020.

This situation remained during COVID-19 and natural disaster events until present day.

An annual breakdown is as follows:

Financial Year	Revenue
2020-2021	\$209,677
2021-2022	\$167,950
2022-2023	\$229,570
2023-2024	\$247,715

Ease of access to a breakdown of cash and card payments for the last four years is being determined and an update will be provided to councillors by 13 December 2024 should this still be required.

12.11 Wyrallah Road

Can the General Manager please explain if there are any known issues causing significant damage to the stretch of road along Wyrallah Rd between Tuckurimba Road to Buckendoon School Lane, what council is doing to temporarily maintain the road at an acceptable and safe level for its intended purpose, and when this section of road will be fixed?

General Manager's response:

This section of Wyrallah Road has multiple sections of rehabilitation works planned for completion in 2025 through disaster funding.

Council regularly inspects these sections as they are prone to increased and rapid degradation and performs interim remedial works to maintain trafficability whilst awaiting permanent repairs.

12.12 CRM Logged & Actioned According to Priority of Works

With councillors regularly being told 'a CRM will be logged and actioned according to priority of works' in response to councillor requests relating to potholes and other works around the local government area, can the General Manager please explain how priority is determined and share the current list of priorities if a list exists?

General Manager's response:

Currently each defect is given a recommended timeframe for remediation which determines the priority. This prioritisation is typically driven by risk. It should be noted that Council is mostly not able to meet the recommended timeframes for remediation of defects particularly in the Roads department. A new approach for roads maintenance and hazard remediation is being formulated and tested as part of a department rebirth and will be coming to Councillors in the form of a briefing early in 2025.

12.13 Dog Attacks

With an average of over 3 dog attacks reported per month last term, and over half of those recorded on the Companion Animals Register following investigation, can the General Manager please share any plans to reduce the impact of dog attacks on community safety and Council resources?

General Manager's response:

Addressing dog attacks is a key priority for Council, and we remain committed to responding effectively within the constraints of our limited resources.

Currently, Council responds to reports of dog attacks as a matter of priority. Our investigations are conducted thoroughly, and appropriate enforcement action is taken in alignment with the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (NSW) and relevant guidelines. This includes issuing notices, declaring dogs as dangerous or menacing where warranted, and pursuing compliance with control and containment requirements.

To further reduce the incidence of dog attacks, Council is planning a targeted social media campaign to promote responsible dog ownership. This campaign will emphasise the importance of securing private properties to prevent dogs from escaping and provide practical advice to pet owners about containment, socialisation, and legal responsibilities.

In addition to these measures, Council continues to:

- conduct inspections and patrols in high-risk areas to address potential non-compliance.
- educate the community on responsible pet ownership through ongoing communications and resources.
- while resource limitations mean we must balance reactive and proactive efforts, Council remains committed to prioritising community safety and reducing the impact of dog attacks.

MOTION moved that a briefing be held regarding Council Rangers responsibilities and costs.

(Councillors Rob/Dalton-Earls)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Dalton-Earls, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

Voting against: Councillors Bing, Gordon, Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

The vote being tied the Mayor declared the motion **RESOLVED** with his casting vote.

12.14 CSG Signs

When will council remove the CSG protest signs at the entrances to our city and possibly replace them with something more welcoming, such as a place name or greeting?

General Manager's response:

The signs were erected following a resolution of Council. Removal of the signs will require an appropriately worded resolution of Council.

127/24 **RESOLVED** that Council remove all CSG and nuclear-free zone signs and replace with place or welcome signs once budget allocation has been determined.

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP24/1102)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Jensen, Krieg and Rob
Voting against: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

12.15 Use Of CBD Footpaths

Can the General Manager please advise when signs will be installed around the CBD to advise users that skateboards, bicycles, scooters, etc. cannot be used on pedestrian footpaths?

General Manager's response:

There are six bins in the CBD displaying the below signage. Similar signage is still to be placed on bins in Keen St.

Additional signs in Keen St attached to the parking signs are also yet to be installed.

It is noted the NSW Police enforce such usage in the Lismore CBD in accordance with the NSW Road Rules 2014.



12.16 Speed Signs In The CBD

Can the General Manager please advise when the necessary speed signs will be installed around the CBD?

General Manager's response:

Transport for NSW is currently conducting a speed zone review for the CBD. When this is finalised signs will be erected accordingly.

Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 4:21PM

Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 4:22PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 4:23PM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 4:25PM

Confidential Matters – Closed Council Meeting

128/24 MOTION moved that Council now exclude the press and public and meet in Closed Council to consider the following matters;

Item	13.1 Bush Regeneration Panel Contract
Grounds for Closure	Section 10A(2) (d i):
Public Interest	Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to: commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Item	13.2 Balanced Regional Model A
Grounds for Closure	Section 10A(2) (a):
Public Interest	Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to: personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

(Councillors Gordon/Bing)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Jensen and Krieg

Voting against: Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith, Rob and Waters

The vote being tied the Mayor declared the motion **RESOLVED** with his casting vote.

Resumption of Open Council

When the Council had resumed its former sitting, the Mayor reported that Council, meeting in Closed Session, had RESOLVED:

13.1 Bush Regeneration Panel Contract

That:

1. in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accepts the 20 suppliers listed in the evaluation results, to form an un-ranked panel of approved providers for Tender VP420227 Panel Contract for Bush Regeneration Works for an initial one-year period with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods at Council's discretion
2. delegation be provided to the General Manager to exercise the option when required to extend the contract, subject to the satisfactory performance of the suppliers
3. the General Manager be delegated authority to approve variations deemed to be necessary and appropriate within their financial delegations
4. a redacted copy of this report will be released as a public document

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith) (BP24/1052)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

Voting against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Rob

13.2 Balanced Regional Model A

That Council:

1. rescind its 21 November 2023 decision to implement Balanced Regional Model (C)
2. proceed to implement Balanced Regional Model (A)

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP24/1068)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

Voting against: Councillor Guise

Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 5.11pm.

CONFIRMED this > > 2024 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

MAYOR

Confidential Report

Report

Subject	Bush Regeneration Panel Contract
TRIM Record No	BP24/1052:T24/10
Prepared by	Acting Procurement & Contracts Manager
Reason	To create a panel / list of Bush Regeneration Contractors that Lismore City Council can choose to use for Bush Regeneration Works over the next one to three years.
Strategic Theme	Our natural environment
Strategy	Our diverse natural environment is protected and enhanced.
Action	Protect and improve biodiversity on public and private land in Lismore's urban and rural landscapes.
Grounds for Closure	Section 10A(2) (d i):
Public Interest	Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Executive Summary

Funding for Bush Regeneration contracts for 2025-2027 is estimated to be \$1,900,000. Based on average Supplier Hour Rates this equates to approximately 30,000 hours of work over the three years. Council requires the following services from the successful respondent/tenderer:

- Bush Regeneration Works
- Bush Regeneration Works via Rope Access
- Bush Regeneration Works using Chemical Free
- Educational Field Days
- Rural Landholder Initiative - Site Action Plan

In order to meet the number of funded hours noted above, it is anticipated Council will need access to a panel of potentially 20 pre-qualified suppliers that can be engaged as required, confident these suppliers meet Council's specific standards and requirements.

Recommendation

That:

1. in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accepts the 20 suppliers listed in the evaluation results, to form an un-ranked panel of approved providers for Tender VP420227 Panel Contract for Bush Regeneration Works for an initial one-year period with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods at Council's discretion
2. delegation be provided to the General Manager to exercise the option when required to extend the contract, subject to the satisfactory performance of the suppliers
3. the General Manager be delegated authority to approve variations deemed to be necessary and appropriate within their financial delegations

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4. a redacted copy of this report will be released as a public document

Background

Lismore City Council (LCC) issued a Public Tender (RFT) on 15 July 2024 via LCC's eTendering portal (VendorPanel). This RFT (VP420227) closed on 6 September 2024 with 33 suppliers submitting responses via this same portal in that time.

LCC's Environmental Strategies team established a suite of core criteria that was used to rate all of the tender submissions as per LCC's established procurement measures and associated weightings.

From this rating process the 20 highest scoring supplier responses were identified.

Comments

Finance

Report supported as written.

Public consultation

No general public consultation was required. The RFT was read by 192 potential suppliers. Any and all supplier questions were submitted via VendorPanel. LCC responses to these questions were also managed by VendorPanel.

Conclusion

That the following Suppliers be recorded against LCC's Bush Regeneration Panel contract:

Supplier	Tender Number	Overall Score	Overall Ranking
Envite Environment	12		1
Big Scrub Regeneration Pty Ltd	4		2
Richard Gerard Burer	25		3
Brett Robert Weissel	5		4
DC De Nardi & HR Lunn	9		5
John Patrick Blatch	17		6
Goanna Ecological Pty Ltd	14		7
Bushland Restoration Services Pty Ltd	7		8
Julien James Pearce	18		9
Tristian Mules	29		10
Bush Boss	6		11
Samuel Mathew Davies (Future Forests)	26		12
Subtropic Environmental	27		13
Darren Bailey	10		14
Lennon Brothers Bush Regeneration	20		15
George Tutua	13		16
Greenify Solutions	15		17
North Coast Natives Tree Nursery & Conservation Services	22		18
Organic Fungi Bush Regeneration	23		19
Nature Repair Services Pty Ltd	21		20

Confidential Report

Attachment/s

1. Bush Regeneration Panel Contract Report V2.FINAL



Tender Evaluation Report
Bush Regeneration Works - Three Year Panel Contract

Name of Project	Panel Contract for Bush Regeneration Works				
Project Content Manager Ref.	AF24/3428	Tender Award Brief Content Manager Ref.		VendorPanel Tender Ref.	VP420227
Prepared by	Mark Parry, Procurement				
Authorised Date					
Doc. Version (Draft, Review, Final)	Review				

Introduction

Overview

On Monday 15 July 2024 Lismore City Council (LCC) issued a Public Tender to create a panel / list of Bush Regeneration Contractors that LCC can use to choose for any Bush Regeneration Works over the next one to three years. Notification of the RFT and associated documents were published on LCC's eTendering web portal (VendorPanel). Respondents/Tenderers were asked to lodge their responses electronically via this same portal.

Simple statistics for this Request

- Number of suppliers who've read it: 192
- Number of responses submitted: 33
- There were 12 RFT documents for the Suppliers to consider.

Submissions were received from:

1. Envite Environment
2. Big Scrub Regeneration Pty Ltd
3. Richard Gerard Burer
4. Brett Robert Weissel
5. DC De Nardi & HR Lunn
6. John Patrick Blatch
7. Goanna Ecological Pty Ltd
8. Bushland Restoration Services Pty Ltd
9. Julien James Pearce
10. Tristian Mules
11. Bush Boss
12. Samuel Mathew Davies (Future Forests)
13. Subtropic Environmental
14. Darren Bailey
15. Lennon Brothers Bush Regeneration
16. [REDACTED]
17. George Tutua
18. [REDACTED]
19. Greenify Solutions
20. [REDACTED]
21. North Coast Natives Tree Nursery & Conservation Services
22. Organic Fungi Bush Regeneration
23. [REDACTED]
24. [REDACTED]
25. [REDACTED]
26. [REDACTED]
27. [REDACTED]
28. Nature Repair Services Pty Ltd
29. [REDACTED]
30. [REDACTED]
31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]
33. [REDACTED]

The RFT submission deadline was extended twice and closed on 6th September 2024.

Two tenders were rejected and not part of the evaluation

1. [REDACTED] – Late Submission
2. [REDACTED] – Non-Compliant Submission

Leaving 31 responses to be evaluated.

Procurement Objective

Funding for Bush Regeneration contracts for 2025 – 2027 is estimated to be \$1,900,000. Based on average Supplier Hour Rates this equates to approximately 30,000 hours of work over the three years.

LCC requires the following services from the successful respondent/tenderer:

- Bush Regeneration Works
- Bush Regeneration Works via Rope Access
- Bush Regeneration Works using Chemical Free
- Educational Field Days
- Rural Landholder Initiative - Site Action Plan

The successful respondent/tenderers will be tracked by Kate Steel, Environmental Strategies Coordinator (Planning and Environment) to ensure they fulfil the requirements as described in this report and their own RFT responses.

In order to meet the number of funded hours noted above, it is anticipated that a LCC will need access to a panel of potentially 20 pre-qualified suppliers that can be engaged as required, confident that these suppliers meet LCC's specific standards and requirements.

Contract Duration and Extension Options

The RFT seeks the provision of the required services for a period of one to three years commencing 1st January 2025, with no option to extend this Panel Contract.

Panel Contracts - Value

The price basis for the evaluation used the Supplier's "price per hour" for services provided "in normal weekday business hours".

Procurement Process, Pre-Closing

Probity Advisor/ Auditor

LCC has determined that this procurement has a low-risk rating, and a probity Advisor/Auditor was not required for this process. It was noted that if an incident occurred,

or the Chair and the Evaluation Panel deemed it necessary, a probity Advisor/Auditor would have been appointed during any point of the evaluation.

Advertising

The RFT was advertised exclusively via VendorPanel – LCC’s e-tendering web portal, on Monday 15 July 2024.

Pre-Tender Briefing Session and Site Inspection

Given the nature of the RFT a Pre-Tender Briefing Session was considered unnecessary and therefore none was arranged.

Suppliers were free to submit questions via LCC’s tendering portal (VendorPanel). They were also offered telephone support to answer any questions with respect to the RFT, its contents and associated process.

Procurement Process, Compliance

Conditions of participation

All responses to the RFT were evaluated based on relevance to the Selection Criteria, evaluation methodology and level of information required to be provided as part of the online requirement.

The RFT opening process was conducted in accordance with councils’ procurement policy, regarding the opening of VendorPanel’s electronic tender-box.

A record of RFT responses received was created automatically by the VendorPanel electronic tender-box software application.

Late Submissions

As noted above there was one late submission and it was not considered during the evaluation.

Initial compliance check and identification of non-conforming responses

An initial compliance check was conducted by the procurement team on 5th September, 2024 to identify submissions that were non-conforming with the immediate requirements of the RFT. This included compliance with contractual requirements and provision of requested information.

Whereas the quality of the Supplier’s responses varied two were deemed non-compliant. The results of the compliance assessment were provided to the Evaluation Panel for consideration.

In addition to the non-compliant responses, three Suppliers had their responses set aside after the initial pricing review.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

These Suppliers had submitted pricing that was significantly higher (e.g. greater than 100% than the adjusted average) than the 28 other Suppliers in the evaluation process. They were set aside and removed from the pricing calculations to eliminate a skewed pricing result.

Tender Price

Prices provided by tenderers is attached as Appendix 3. The individual prices provided by each of the Suppliers will be used when engaging that Supplier for work under this Panel Contract. Suppliers provided pricing for what is considered to be "traditional business hours" and also "out of hours" engagements (e.g. Weekend Workshops).

Supplier pricing was considered when scoring and ranking the tender responses.

Procurement Process, Evaluation

Evaluation Panel

An Evaluation Panel assessed each tender. The Evaluation and Probity Plan (Tendering Version) outlines the roles and responsibilities of the panel in detail. Details on members of the Panel are contained within the table below.

Panel	Position	Role
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Environmental Strategies Coordinator	Chair and Technical Expert
[REDACTED]	Environmental Strategies Officer	Technical expert
[REDACTED]	Tree Officer – Open Spaces	Technical expert
[REDACTED]	Acting Procurement Manager	Financial

Rating Scale

Ratings for the evaluation were from 0-10 and represent the following descriptions:

Score	Descriptor	Value Judgement
0-4	Unacceptable	Fails to meet the requirement. Unimaginative/No apparent economic benefit.

5	Poor	Minimal Compliance. Not well documented - has deficiencies.
6	Satisfactory	Satisfactorily documented, with minor deficiencies and shortcomings which can be corrected/overcome with minimal effort.
7	Good	Well documented and satisfactorily meets the requirements.
8	Very Good	Very well documented and comfortably meets the requirements.
9	Excellent	Highly documented and comprehensively meets the requirements
10	Exceptional	Comprehensively documented and completely addresses all points.

Compliance Criteria

Suppliers were evaluated based on their compliance and response/s to the Schedules provided in the RFT. These schedules contained numerous criteria designed to provide a clear and concise picture of the Supplier and their ability to deliver the desired services.

Suppliers were presented with both simple "Yes/No" options (where relevant/possible) and the opportunity to describe in their own words their relevant skills and knowledge as well as their commitment to high quality, reliable service.

Qualitative Criteria (Non-Price)

The qualitative criteria assessment was carried out by the Evaluation Panel on 6th November 2024 with the Panel scoring the tenders/submissions according to the evaluation matrix.

All tenderers/respondents were assessed against the qualitative selection criteria and importance weightings. Specific criteria were weighted according to their importance as perceived and agreed by the Evaluation Panel.

Criteria	Weighting
1. Tenderer's Experience and Capability	■
2. Local Content	■
3. Health & Safety and Quality	■
4. Environment and Community	■
Total Weightings	■

Pricing criteria made up the balance of the weighting at ■.

Modern Slavery Risk Assessment

The suppliers were not required to respond to any questions with respect to Modern Slavery as the Bush Regeneration industry was deemed to be low risk.

As part of its ongoing commitment to ensuring LCC operations or its supply chains does not cause, involve, or contribute to modern slavery LCC management will be vigilant in monitoring Suppliers and the delivery of their services under this panel contract.

Pricing

The pricing submitted by each tenderer was assessed together with the qualitative criteria. Pricing was given a [REDACTED] weighting in the criteria assessment.

The selected response is that which, having regard to all considerations, appears to be the most advantageous to council.

The prices submitted will then be used as part of the engagement process for specific environmental projects as they arise throughout the contract term. Prices are allowed to increase annually over the contract period based on Australia's Consumer Price Index.

Comparative Statement of Tender Prices

Supplier pricing was based on their hourly rate for services provided Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm (i.e. traditional business hours timeframe). Pricing for services provided out of this timeframe was also sought but due to the difficulty harmonising the various options this pricing did not form part of the evaluation. The Evaluation Panel used the Supplier's traditional business hours pricing as a proxy for each suppliers overall pricing method.

Other than for three suppliers identified earlier in this report no significant differences in price was found with the exception of one supplier (Nature Repair Services – NRS). Inclusion of the NRS in the evaluation was allowed because the evaluation team:

- Saw NRS providing a unique service with respect to other suppliers and
- The NRS pricing did not unduly skew the pricing average

The analysis undertaken by the Evaluation Panel revealed that the prices offered by tenderers to be similarly positioned. This is also indicated in the evaluation matrix at Appendix 2.

Clarifications

The Evaluation Panel determined that only three requests for clarifications were required from any respondents. These clarifications were submitted via the VendorPanel application.

These clarifications were processed by an LCC procurement officer also via VendorPanel. The use of VendorPanel ensures all communication was managed in accordance with best procurement practice.

Shortlisting

The nature of a Panel Contract means that no one supplier is chosen over another. Rather the concept allows access to any number of pre-qualified suppliers, ranked in order of preference as determined by their evaluated score.

The Evaluation Panel having considered the results of the compliance assessment, the scoring results of the quantitative criteria, clarifications, and qualitative criteria, have determine to shortlist the tenderers/respondents in order of their preference as defined by the Evaluation Panel's combined scores and as listed in Appendix 1.

Basis of Decision

Final Recommendation

Based on the Panel's evaluation as detailed in this report, the list of suppliers in Appendix 1 represents the best value outcome for council in terms of capability, reliability and flexibility. The panel made their determination based on a longlist evaluation results that considered performance and substance of shortlisted presentations, overall results from the evaluation qualitative and quantitative results and prior work referencing.

The Evaluation Panel recommends that council accepts the Supplier List in Appendix 1 as the preferred suppliers when seeking Bush Regeneration services.

ENDORSEMENT BY EVALUATION PANEL

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Appendix 1 – Recommend Suppliers

Supplier	Tender Number	Overall Score	Overall Ranking
Envite Environment	12		1
Big Scrub Regeneration Pty Ltd	4		2
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Appendix 3 List of Supplier Pricing in alphabetical order:

Supplier	Tender Number	Hourly Price
[REDACTED]	2	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	3	[REDACTED]
Big Scrub Regeneration Pty Ltd	4	[REDACTED]
Brett Robert Weissel	5	[REDACTED]
Bush Boss	6	[REDACTED]
Bushland Restoration Services Pty Ltd	7	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	8	[REDACTED]
DC De Nardi & HR Lunn	9	[REDACTED]
Darren Bailey	10	[REDACTED]
Envite Environment	12	[REDACTED]
George Tutua	13	[REDACTED]
Goanna Ecological Pty Ltd	14	[REDACTED]
Greenify Solutions	15	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	16	[REDACTED]
John Patrick Blatch	17	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	28	[REDACTED]
Tristian Mules	29	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	31	[REDACTED]