

## **12 CONTRACT 17/53 - ULMER ROAD WEST, EMERALD – SEALED ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Following receipt of funding for this project that the tender submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd to undertake the works associated with Contract 17/53 - Ulmer Road West, Emerald – Sealed Road Construction be accepted for the contract sum of \$273,589.58 (Excl. GST);
2. The remaining Tenderers be advised accordingly; and
3. The common seal of the Council be affixed to the contract documents.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Confidential memorandum circulated to councillors only 3 Pages

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is proposing to upgrade currently unsealed Ulmer Road West from the intersection of Beaconsfield - Emerald Road up to the Temple gates. The project will include constructing a sealed road with associated drainage & kerbs for North-South section of the road.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the civil works package, which will provide sealed road access to the temple, as well as neighbouring residential properties and will remove the need to Council to regrade the road on regular basis due to its steep gradients.

The tender for the Ulmer Road West civil works package submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd is considered the most suitable for the project.

It is therefore recommended that Contract 17/53 for the road & drainage construction for Ulmer Road West be awarded accordingly.

### **BACKGROUND**

Ulmer Road West provides access to a Buddhist temple (The Nan Hai Pu Tuo Temple of Australia) as well as two rural residential properties (28 William Street & 73 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road).

The temple houses one of the largest outdoor stone sculptures of the Maitreya (Laughing) Buddha in Australia, therefore attracting considerable tourist traffic which includes tourist buses too. The existing unsealed road has been requiring repeated regrading following heavy rainfall events. Council had lately reconstructed the gravel road & built a concrete lined open drain along the western edge of the road to reduce the erosion. However, the steep gradient of the road near the

sealed Beaconsfield-Emerald road has still been deteriorating the road even after each moderate rainfall event.

The Temple management (The Abbot) approached Council officers with a proposal for the Temple to fund the design and construction of a sealed road with kerb & channel.

The scope of works which was tendered includes construction of sealed road pavement, drainage, Kerb & channel and associative line marking & signage works for NS section of Ulmer Road West.

#### **Tender assessment**

Tenders were advertised on 25 November 2017 and closed on 19 December 2017. A total of two (2) tenders were received.

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

To provide the best value for money, it is recommended that the Ulmer Road West sealed road construction contract be awarded to A1 Civil Pty Ltd for the sum of \$273,589.58 (Excl. GST).

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Nil.

#### **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Consultation has been held with the representative of the Temple, as well as affected private property owners during planning and design stage of the project. The Temple's Abbot has been regularly liaised with by Council officers to ensure agreement to scope of the works & project costs.

Further consultation with the 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**

This project is being funded by the Temple management and include the design and construction components.

An initial lump sum payment is to be made to Council prior to the commencement of works, with the balance to be paid following the completion of works.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The tender submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd for the civil works package at the Ulmer Road West is considered to be the most beneficial and it is recommended that Ulmer Road West, Emerald – Sealed Road Construction be awarded to A1 Civil Pty Ltd for \$273,589.58 (Excl. GST).