

ITEM 12 TENDER T1000217 - STORMWATER PIPE RELINING PRIMARY SUPPLIER

Council maintains an extensive stormwater drainage network, including around 835 kilometres of pipelines and associated infrastructure, which is designed to safely collect and convey stormwater. Relining stormwater pipes and pits extends the life of aging or damaged pipes and restores structural integrity without excavation.

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for the provision of stormwater pipe relining services in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender of Interflow Pty Ltd as the Primary Supplier for the provision of pipe relining services.
- 2 The contract be awarded for an initial term of three (3) years, with two (2) optional extensions of one (1) year each. Any such extensions being exercised at the sole discretion of Council.
- 3 Delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 4 Grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

ACRONYMS USED IN REPORT

Abbreviation	Meaning
LGP contract	Local Government Procurement Contract
LGP420	Local Government Procurement Contract LGP420 Minor and Major Civil Works Including Construction Materials

BACKGROUND

Council has an extensive stormwater and floodplain management network with a gross replacement value of approximately \$1.7B. Council’s stormwater and floodplain network includes detention basins, headwalls, riparian assets, 835 km of pipes, more than 32,900 pits and culverts, trash racks and water quality devices.

Pipe relining is an efficient method of renewing deteriorated pipeline assets without the need for excavation. Rehabilitating pipes internally reduces project costs, shortens delivery timeframes, reduces disruption to the community and surrounding infrastructure, restores the structural integrity and increases the life of the asset.

Pipe relining has the following advantages over the alternative of full pipe replacement:

- Significantly reduced construction waste through reuse of the existing pipe and minimal excavation requirements.
- Lower demand for virgin quarry materials, supporting more sustainable resource use.
- Reduced truck movements due to limited import and export of materials compared with full reconstruction.

- Minimised disturbance to the road reserve, public and private property.
- Less impact on residents and the community resulting from shorter construction durations and streamlined work activities.

Council has identified the following benefits in using a primary supplier:

- Contract terms and detailed specification specific for Wollongong.
- The longer contract timeframe provides increased stability for suppliers to provide a better value proposition for their employees, enabling retention of skilled employees.
- Council can work with the Primary Supplier to plan projects well ahead of the programmed delivery date.

Council has undertaken a tender process and has requested tenders from contractors to become the primary supplier of pipe relining works to maintain and renew our stormwater infrastructure throughout Wollongong. The tender has established a Schedule of Rates for all aspects of Pipe Relining works, including where required, works to excavate and reconstruct pipes or pits if required. Projects will be awarded to the primary supplier throughout the contract period based upon the schedule of rates.

Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on 17 February 2026. Three (3) tenders were received.

All tenders have been scrutinised and evaluated by a Tender Evaluation Panel constituted in accordance with Council’s Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the City Works, Infrastructure, Strategy + Planning, Supply Chain & Logistics Management and Governance Divisions.

The Tender Evaluation Panel evaluated all tenders in accordance with the following evaluation criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

Mandatory Criteria

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope.
- 2 Workplace Health & Safety Management Systems.

Evaluation Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council – 40%
- 2 Demonstrated experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size and scope, including staff qualifications and experience – 25%
- 3 Appreciation of Scope of Works and Construction Methodology – 15%
- 4 Environmental management systems – 10%
- 5 Demonstrated Strengthening of Local Economic Capacity – 10%

The mandatory evaluation criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Evaluation Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the evaluation of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the evaluation criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the evaluation criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender evaluation and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

Name of Tenderer	Ranking
Interflow Pty Ltd	1
Kawalewski Plumbing Pty Ltd T/A Southern Relining	2
PD Curran Plumbing Pty Ltd	NON-CONFORMING

PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of Interflow Pty Ltd to carry out the services in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Evaluation Panel that it is capable of undertaking the works to Council's standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

An acceptable financial capability evaluation has been received in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Evaluation Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 1 Members of the Tender Evaluation Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Goal 2 – *'We have well planned, connected, and liveable places'*. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2035		Delivery Program 2025-2029
Strategy		Service
2.3	Deliver high quality, fit for purpose and sustainable infrastructure to support a growing and resilient city.	Floodplain Management and Stormwater Service
2.10	Plan and provide sustainable infrastructure for safe and liveable places integrated with the environment and accessible to key transport routes.	

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The risk of the project works or services is considered low based upon Council's risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Pipe relining is considered a sustainable and cost-effective maintenance strategy for managing Council's stormwater infrastructure. The method extends the operational life of the existing stormwater assets, reducing the need for full pipe replacement which would create additional waste, costs and material use. The works are typically undertaken using non-destructive techniques, with liners installed from the surface through robotic equipment, minimising excavation, environmental disturbance and community impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the projects and maintenance works will be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

Capital Budget – 2025/2026 to 2028/29

Maintenance Budget – Stormwater drainage – 2025/2026 to 2028/29

CONCLUSION

Council should endorse the recommendations of this report. The first ranked respondent has submitted an acceptable tender for this project and the assessment panel recommends acceptance of the tender.