

**ITEM 12 TENDER T1000195 - EMBANKMENT STABILISATION WORKS - 65 CORDEAUX ROAD, KEMBLA HEIGHTS**

Severe wet weather in 2022 resulted in slope instability comprising three localised landslides on the upper section of Cordeaux Road, Kempl Heights which slumped onto the road. Temporary emergency remedial works were undertaken at the time by Wollongong City Council (WCC) in early September 2022 to secure a large lower boulder in place, following initial emergency works by Endeavour Energy to remove fallen trees and re-establish power connections to the Mt Kempl Village.

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for embankment stabilisation works at 65 Cordeaux Road, Kempl Heights, 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 Cadifern Pty Ltd for Embankment Stabilisation Works – 65 Cordeaux Road, Kempl Hights, in the sum of \$1,093,468.20, including GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council 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**

Report of: Jeremy Morgan, Manager Project Delivery (Acting)  
Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Location Plans

**BACKGROUND**

The upper section of Cordeaux Road was affected by slope instability comprising of three localised landslides, which slumped onto the road following a severe weather event after prolonged wet weather in 2022. Temporary emergency remedial works were undertaken by Wollongong City Council (WCC) in early September 2022 to secure a large lower boulder in place, following initial emergency works by Endeavour Energy to remove fallen trees and re-establish power connections to the Mt Kempl Village. A concrete Jersey Kerb barrier was installed and bolted to the kerb to partially retain any loose material that was making its way onto the roadway.

Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on Tuesday, 8 April 2025.

Ten (10) tenders were received by the close of tenders and all tenders were scrutinised and evaluated by a Tender Evaluation Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery, Customer + Business Integrity, Finance and Infrastructure Strategy + Planning 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 Financial evaluation acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer's financial capacity to undertake the works.
- 3 Accredited Workplace Health and Safety Management Systems.
- 4 Accredited Working Near Overhead Powerlines Person.

## Evaluation Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council – 45%
- 2 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%
- 3 Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 10%
- 4 Demonstrated experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience – 20%
- 5 Proposed sub-contractors – 2.5%
- 6 Project schedule – 10%
- 7 Workplace health and safety management system and environmental management policies and procedures – 2.5%

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 considers 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 provides a list of conforming and non-conforming tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDERS RECEIVED

Name of Tenderer	
Cadifern Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
Earthtrack Solutions Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
Ground Stabilisation Systems	CONFORMING
Jaswal Engineering (Australian Ground Technologies)	CONFORMING
Menai Civil Contractors Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
Piling & Concreting Australia (PCA) Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
Retaining Specialists Pty Ltd	NON-CONFORMING
Select Civil Pty Ltd	CONFORMING
The RIX Group Pty Ltd	CONFORMING

## PROPOSAL

It is recommended that Council authorise the engagement of Cadifern Pty Ltd to carry out the embankment stabilisation works at 65 Cordeaux Road, Kembla Heights, 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 regarding 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 2032 Goals 1 and 6. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2032		Delivery Program 2022-2026
Strategy		Service
1.3	Increase our resilience to natural disasters and a changing climate to protect life, property and the environment	Emergency Management Stormwater Services
6.7	Maintain the service levels of our roads, footpaths and cycleways to an acceptable standard.	Transport Services

## 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 medium based upon Council's risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sustainability implications have been considered:

- Sustainable procurement by providing an open tender to give local companies the opportunity to tender for the work.
- Weighting in tender assessment provided for using local services, labour and materials.
- Reuse of won rock from the project in other adjacent stormwater outlets.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

2024/25 Capital Budget

2025/26 Capital Budget

## CONCLUSION

The proposed embankment stabilisation works adjacent to the upper section of Cordeaux Road, Kembla Heights is aligned with the strategic direction and key actions within Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Cadifern Pty Ltd have provided a satisfactory submission, and it is recommended that Council endorse the recommendations of this report.



