

## ITEM 12

## OTFORD ROAD CAUSEWAY REPLACEMENT - QUOTATION E1000367 - OUTCOME OF PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Council called for quotations for the replacement of Otford Road causeway that crosses the Hacking River due to severe damage during the extreme weather event of February 2023. Otford Road is the second means of egress to the west for the community of Otford in emergency events such as a bushfire event.

Two (2) suitably experienced civil contractors were invited to quote. These suppliers were chosen due to their capabilities to provide the required level of service, to achieve the required timeframe for construction and for the capability to ramp up during construction should it be required. Other large civil contractors were contacted prior to the quotation period; however, all others advised they would not have the required resources or capacity during the specified construction period.

### RECOMMEDATION

Council receive the report on the procurement process followed and note the engagement of Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd for Otford Road Causeway Replacement, in the sum of \$1,244,630.38 including GST.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Glenn Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery  
Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Location Plan

### BACKGROUND

Council has undertaken a formal quotation process for the replacement of the causeway across the Hacking River on Otford Road, Otford.

The significant weather event experienced on 9 February 2023 caused major damage to the existing causeway on Otford Road at the crossing of the Hacking River.

The event was declared a natural disaster by the NSW Government which has provided Council the opportunity to apply for grant funding to perform rectification works to assets affected by the relevant event. Council staff are currently negotiating the total value of the contribution with the funding body. Under the funding guidelines all rectification work is required to be completed no later than 30 June 2025. This includes design and construction works for the project.

Otford Road is currently closed for vehicles at the causeway. This leaves a single road access via Lady Wakehurst Drive/Lawrence Hargrave Drive for the Otford community in the event of emergencies. A temporary pedestrian pathway across the damaged causeway was established for the Otford community; however, no pedestrian access will be permitted during construction.

The replacement causeway has been designed in accordance with current standards for width/clearances and incorporates improvements to minimise debris blockage during storm events while additional road safety measures are being introduced on the roads leading to the causeway.

At its meeting on 29 May 2023, Council resolved as follows –

- 1 Pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, tenders not be invited for the contract (or contracts) for the repair of the failed causeway and associated works at Otford Road, Otford. This is due to extenuating circumstances, being the risk to the community due to fire and/or flood causing further inability of residents to escape, the pending Statutory Bushfire Danger Period commencing 1 October 2023 and the MS to the Gong Bike Ride event planned for 5 November 2023.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to undertake and finalise a formal

*quotation process, in accordance with Council's procurement policies and procedures with available contractors with demonstrated experience and ability to undertake the works with a view to enter a contract (or contracts) for these works.*

*3 Council delegate to the General Manager authority to enter a contract (or contracts) with the contractor or contractors selected following the process outlined at 2 above.*

*4 A report describing the outcome of the procurement process be submitted to the next available Council meeting following the successful engagement of contractor or contractors.*

Quotations were invited from suitable suppliers for the project commencing on Thursday, 1 June 2023, in accordance with the Council resolution, with a close of quotations of 10.00 am on Thursday, 22 June 2023.

Two (2) submissions were received by the close of quotations and all submissions have been scrutinised and assessed by a Quotation Evaluation Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery and Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning Divisions in consultation with representatives from the Procurement and Supply and Governance business units.

The Quotation Evaluation Panel assessed all submissions in accordance with the following evaluation criteria and weightings as set out in the formal quotation documents:

**Mandatory Criteria**

1. Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope
2. Financial assessment acceptable to Council which demonstrates the respondent's financial capacity to undertake the works
3. Accredited Workplace Health and Safety System

**Evaluation Criteria**

1. Cost to Council - 35%
2. Demonstrated Strengthening of Local Economic Capacity – 10%
3. Appreciation of Scope of Works and Construction Methodology – 15%
4. Demonstrated Prior Experience and Satisfactory Performance in Undertaking Projects of Similar Size, Scope and Risk Profile, including Staff Qualifications and Experience – 10%
5. Proposed Sub-contractors – 5%
6. Project Schedule – 20%
7. Workplace Health and Safety and Environmental Management Systems – 5%

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

The Assessment Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the evaluation of quotations which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the respondents to each of the evaluation criteria as specified in the quotation 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 quotation. The quotation with the highest total score is considered to be the quotation that best meets the requirements of the quotation documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the quotation evaluation and the ranking of quotations.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF QUOTATION ASSESSMENT

Name of Respondent	Ranking
Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd	1
Select Civil Pty Ltd	2

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 Goal 1, “We value and protect our environment”.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Stormwater Services Service Plan 2022-26.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the procurement 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

Economic sustainability implications are considered relevant to the installation of the replacement causeway to reduce ongoing maintenance costs and to improve the amenity of the area.

The replacement causeway design will provide a long-term, low maintenance finished product that also enhances the aesthetic appearance of the area and surrounding properties.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

2023/24 Capital Budget

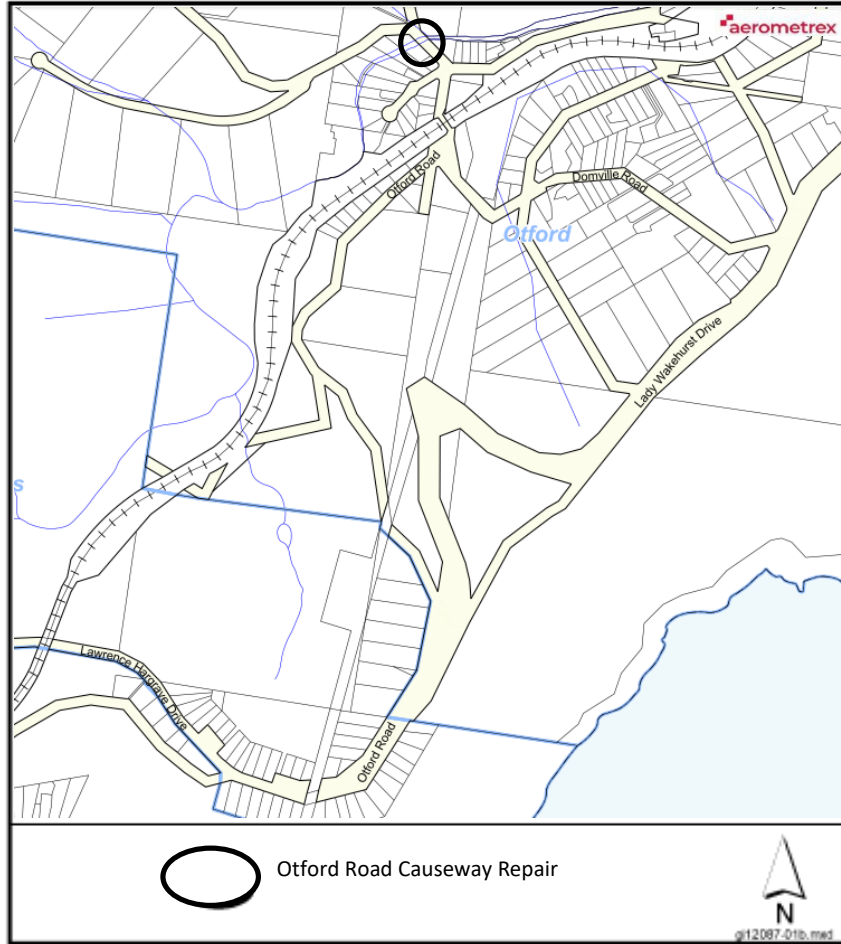
The project will be supported by the NSW Government Disaster Recovery Arrangements funding program.

## CONCLUSION

Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd were appointed on 17 July 2023 and commenced on site in early August 2023.

Council should endorse the recommendation to receive the report on the procurement process followed and note the outcomes achieved.





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