

ITEM 12 TENDER T1000180 - CAMP GULLY (WHITTY ROAD, HELENSBURGH) HEADWALL AND EMBANKMENT REHABILITATION

Stormwater and floodplain infrastructure is designed to manage and effectively improve the movement of surface runoff; reduce the risk associated with flooding and storms; reduce risk to the health and biodiversity of land and water including creeks, lakes, waterways, and oceans; and increase resilience for natural disasters and a changing climate to protect life, property, and the environment. It includes dams and basins; stormwater pipes and culverts; pits and headwalls; lined channels; bank support and energy dissipaters; and water quality improvement devices. The gross replacement cost for Council's stormwater and floodplain infrastructure is around \$1.8B. Headwalls are part of the stormwater infrastructure which are used to prevent erosion and structural damage by stabilising the embankment around the outlet of a drain or culvert.

The headwall at the stormwater pipe at Camp Gully and surrounding embankments (adjacent to Whitty Road, Helensburgh) sustained significant due to the impacts from several declared natural disasters, which exposed and moved large boulders, and undermined the road surface and handrail. Major rehabilitation work is required to this significant piece of stormwater infrastructure and surrounding embankments.

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for the rehabilitation of the headwall and embankments on either side of the culvert passing beneath the intersection of Walker Street and Whitty Road, Helensburgh, located within Camp Gully 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 The RIX Group for Camp Gully Headwall Rehabilitation, in the sum of \$436,661.50, 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 T1000180 Location Plans

BACKGROUND

Significant storm events since 2021 caused significant scour and erosion to stormwater infrastructure across the Wollongong City Council Local Government Area. The culvert passing under the intersection of Walker Street and Whitty Road in Helensburgh at Camp Gully was significantly impacted during storm events between 2021 and 2024 that were declared natural disasters.

Open tenders were invited for this project with submissions closing at 10.00 am on 6 February 2025.

Three (3) tenders were received by the close of tenders and 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 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

Evaluation Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council – 40%
- 2 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%
- 3 Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 15%
- 4 Demonstrated experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience – 15%
- 5 Proposed sub-contractors – 5%
- 6 Project schedule – 10%
- 7 Workplace health and safety management system and environmental management policies and procedures – 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 applies weightings established prior to opening tenders 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 the best value offer 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
The RIX Group	1
City Coast Services Pty Ltd	2
Brefni Pty Ltd	3

PROPOSAL

The Tender Evaluation Panel recommend acceptance of the tender from The RIX Group to carry out the Camp Gully headwall rehabilitation works 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 can undertake the works in accordance with Council's standards and technical specification.

A financial assessment has been requested in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Evaluation Panel and confirmed a satisfactory 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 Goal 1. 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	Stormwater 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 open tender to give local companies the opportunity to tender for the work.
- Weighting in the 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 Delivery Program and Operational Plan –

2024/25 Capital Budget

2025/26 Capital Budget

CONCLUSION

The headwall and embankments at Camp Gully, located adjacent to Whitty Road at Helensburgh require rehabilitation to restore the stormwater infrastructure. It is recommended that Council consider acceptance of the tender from The RIX Group to undertake this work under contract.



