

REPORT DATE: 17 February 2026 **REPORT NUMBER:** ES010-26
DEPARTMENT: Engineering Services
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REPORT TITLE: **COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE – RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project**
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SUBJECT:

Council has recently called a tender via VendorPanel for the provision of project management services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation project construction. This report is for Council to consider the tender for these works.

REPORT:

RFT2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project closed on 15 January 2026. This report is seeking an endorsement from Council to award the tender to provide project management services for the construction phase.

The tender, RFT2526-96, was called to allow Goondiwindi Regional Council (Council) to resource the project management of the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project, which is being funded under the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's Disaster Relief Funding Arrangement (DRFA). This tender relates to the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), specifically the Goondiwindi Levee.

The levee bank sustained significant damage during the following events; the Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding from the 10th of November to the 3rd of December 2021 and again in the Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding from the 22nd of March to the 20th April 2024. Council have been successful in obtaining funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to repair damage to the asset.

Proterra Group were engaged by Council in 2022 to provide project management services for the delivery of Council's DRFA program. There have been multiple events since then that have both overlapped or been adjacent to the original event in terms of damage locations and Council has continued using Proterra as variations to this original engagement to ensure consistent and seamless co-ordination and management across these multiple events which have been in progress since that time. The engagement of Proterra Group in 2022 has included the progression and development of the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project up to this point where it transitions from development and design to construction. The scale of the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project which is expected to commence construction in mid-2026 will require a level of resourcing and project management quite different to the ongoing project management of Council's existing road asset based DRFA programs. A separate tender has been called to provide delineation between the two different types of DRFA program works.

The specific requirements for this tender will include the following, but not limited to:

- Provision of all resources required for the management of the project including human resources, technology and transportation.
- Liaison with QRA.
- All works programming including tendering/procurement of contract resources as required.

- All monthly reporting required by QRA, and regular reporting to Council on project progress.
- All Site Supervision of works ensuring approved works are completed as per the QRA Guidelines.
- Attendance to any QRA or external Audit required as part of the Program
- Completion of Council Benchmarking Cost Surveys for QRA and other general annual reporting requirements
- All before, during construction and after photographs.
- Monitoring of Council budgets, and Contractor Expenditure to ensure works stay within the approved funding guidelines.
- Development and/or implementation of all required Safety, Environmental and Quality documentation over the duration of the project.
- Attendance to all required QRA and Council meetings for the duration of the event management.
- Full close out of each submission, and provision of a debrief report on completion of works.

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, the tender, RFT2526-096, was called via VendorPanel. Due to Proterra Group's existing extensive involvement and background in this project a decision was made to only invite them as a pre-registered contractor through LocalBuy contract LB279, which is allowable both in the Local Government Act & accompanying regulation as well as Council's Procurement Policy. The tender closed on Thursday the 15th of January 2026.

Under the DRFA guidelines site supervision costs are costed directly to the approved works whilst there is a separate line item per approval for project management, so the costs for each are separated.

The tender response is a schedule of rates for various positions that will work on the project with these staff only being paid for actual time spent on the project rather than a being a lump sum or fixed price contract. This arrangement is common with this type of engagement. Council staff have interrogated the rates and believe they are very competitive in the current market.

This report is seeking endorsement from Council to award RFT2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project to Proterra Group and to delegate authority to Council's Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a contract on terms acceptable to Council.

ASSOCIATED RISKS:

The Goondiwindi Levee is crucial in protecting the town of Goondiwindi from flooding. The riverbank sustained significant damage in flooding events from 2021 – 2024 and is at risk of further erosion and deterioration.

There are many potential risks in such a large and complex project, but we anticipate that many of the construction risks have been mitigated by undertaking an early contractor involvement process through the detailed design phase and the engagement of a project manager who has been involved in the project since its inception and has a very good knowledge of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Works are funded by the QRA under the REPA (Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets) DRFA delivery model.

Council has been approved for \$99,475,579.11 for the reconstruction of a section of the levee, as well as some other minor works near Raymond Terrace, under current funding arrangements.

The cost of project management and site supervision is an eligible expense under the DRFA. The costs associated with this contract will be fully reimbursed by QRA.

CONSULTATION:

Consultation has also been had with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Proterra Group regarding these works.

LEGISLATION/LLEGAL/POLICY:

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolves to award the tender RFT2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project to Proterra Group, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a contract which is acceptable to Council, taking into consideration requisite Local Buy contractual provisions.