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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 99 **IS - Funding Offer - Thorley Street, Bligh Park, Flood Evacuation Route Upgrade - (95495, 79346)**

REPORT:

The existing Thorley Street Flood Evacuation Route is the primary evacuation route for the Bligh Park community during extreme flooding in the Hawkesbury River and was designed and constructed in 1999 with a minimum level of 17.3 metres. The route links Alexander Street, Bligh Park with Richmond Road via an extension of Thorley Street, Bligh Park.

As a result of the Local Hydraulics Specification Study (LHSS) commissioned by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (now DECC) and undertaken by Bewsher Consulting Pty Ltd in 2004, the recommendation was to raise the existing Thorley Street Flood Evacuation Route, with associated culvert upgrades, to meet the minimum required level of 18.5 metres.

Completion of the Thorley Street Flood Evacuation Route Upgrade is a high priority and as such, preliminary scoping of the project was undertaken which included a draft concept and the establishment of fee proposals for the full design and documentation by external consultants. The preliminary estimated cost for this project is \$2,100,000 with a final estimate of cost to be determined at the final design stage.

A proposal seeking funding to undertake the detailed design, documentation and construction of the Thorley Street Flood Evacuation Route Upgrade project was submitted to the Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW (DECC). Correspondence has been received from DECC accepting Councils proposal, with an initial payment to be made to Council of \$1,500,000 in the 2007/08 financial year to enable the project to proceed, with further payments being made towards the total cost as funds become available. The funding offer has been made under the 2007/08 NSW Floodplain Management Program.

DECC have agreed to the project being undertaken within the spirit of the Conditions for Financial Assistance under the 2007/08 NSW Floodplain Management Program and taking into consideration the close proximity to the end of the 2007/08 financial year. The anticipated completion date for the project is June 2009 subject to a variety of variables such as the public consultation process, the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), peer review by the Roads and Traffic Authority and the outcomes of the final design and cost estimate.

It is anticipated that the project can commence during June 2008, subject to Council accepting the funding offer.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: A network of towns, villages and rural localities connected by well-maintained public and private infrastructure, which support the social and economic development of the city."

Funding

Funding has been made available from the NSW 2007/08 Floodplain Management Program, by the Department of Environment & Climate Change, NSW.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, on the basis that full funding for the project will be provided, the initial payment of \$1,500,000 towards an estimated total cost of \$2,100,000 under the NSW 2007/08 Floodplain Management Program for the Thorley Street Flood Evacuation Route Upgrade, from the Department of Environment & Climate Change, be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Item: 100 **IS - Tender No.016/FY08 - Upgrade of Richmond Pool - (95496, 79354)**
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Previous Item: 264, Ordinary (27 November 2007)

Reason for Confidentiality

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act, 1993, and the matters dealt with in this report are to be considered while the meeting is closed to the press and the public.*

Specifically, the matter is to be dealt with pursuant to Section 10A(2)(c) of the Act as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to this matter are to be withheld from the press and public.

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