

TENDER RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: ACTING MANAGER PARKS AND CONSERVATION
MANAGEMENT

FROM: DIRECTOR ASSETS

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TENDER 25083: CONSTRUCTION OF GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION BORES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Issue

To consider Tender No: 25083 for the Construction of Groundwater Production Bores for a Period of Three (3) Years with two (2), twelve (12) month (or part thereof) options to extend.

Background

As part of the irrigation infrastructure renewal program replacement of groundwater production bores is an essential component. The current contractual arrangements (Contract 19283) concluded in June 2025 and as such a new tender for ongoing services for the next five years was advertised to ensure continued service.

Detail

Tender 25083 for the construction of groundwater production bores was advertised on Saturday 10 May 2025 and closed on Tuesday 27 May 2025. There was one (1) addenda issued, responding to a bidder query.

Essential details of the proposed contract are as follows:

Item	Detail
Contract Form	Construction: Minor (CoW bespoke contract)
Contract Type	Schedule of Rates
Contract Duration	Three (3) years
Commencement Date	July 2025
Expiry Date	July 2028
Extensions Permitted	Two (2) twelve (12) months options (or part thereof)

Tender submissions were received from the following companies:

Legal Name	Trading Name	Abbreviation
Clamon Family Trust t/as Aqua Attack Drilling	Aqua Attack Drilling	Aqua Attack Drilling
Hamersley Group Pty Ltd t/a Australind Water Boring and Civil	Australind Water Boring and Civil	Australind Water Boring and Civil

Western Waterbores	Western Waterbores	Western Waterbores
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Probity Oversight

Oversight to the tender assessment process was undertaken by the City's Contracts Officer and an external probity advisor from William Buck Consulting Pty Ltd.

Please refer to the Confidential Attachment for details of the external Probity Advisor Final Report.

Tender submissions were evaluated in accordance with the Procurement and Evaluation Plan (**PEP**) which included the following selection criteria:

Item No	Description	Weighting
1	Sustainable (Corporate Social Responsibility) Procurement a) Environmental Considerations 5% b) Buy Local 10% c) Reconciliation Action Plan 5% d) Access and Inclusion 5%	25%
2	*Work Health & Safety (WHS)	20%
3	*Demonstrated experience installing commercial irrigation groundwater bores	30%
4	*Demonstrated available resources to complete the project in the specified timeframe	25%

All Tenderers must meet the City's minimum requirements (as determined by the City) for each of the qualitative criteria detailed above (*) to be considered for further evaluation.

Pricing is not included in the qualitative criteria. It is considered as part of the overall value for money assessment.

Tender submissions from Aqua Attack and Australind Water boring were deemed compliant.

Western Waterbores tender submission was deemed non-compliant and did not proceed for further evaluation. Please refer to the Confidential Memo for details.

Evaluation Criteria 1 – Sustainable Procurement (25%)

Evidence of Sustainable (Corporate Social Responsibility) Procurement was assessed based on the Tenderer's responses provided to the Questionnaires within Schedules 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D which formed part of the tender documentation.

Sub Criteria a) Environmental Considerations (5%)

The City is committed to procuring goods and services that provide positive environmental, social, and economic impacts over the entire life cycle of a product or service. Respondents are encouraged to provide credentials of any environmental claims of the goods and/or services submitted in this tender.

Tenderers provided details of their environmental considerations within Schedule 3A, with the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
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Australind Water Boring and Civil	1
Aqua Attack Drilling	2

Sub Criteria b) Buy Local (10%)

An assessment was made based on the response provided, detailing the following information:

- Location of tenderer's offices and workshops.
- Residential addresses of staff and company address of subcontractors.
- Purchasing arrangements through local businesses.
- Requirement for new employees arising from award of the contract.

Tenderers provided details of their "Buy Local" considerations within Schedule 3B, with the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Sub Criteria c) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) (5%)

An assessment was made to determine the ranking based on the responses provided that relate to:

- RELATIONSHIPS - building positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
- RESPECT – recognising the contribution of Indigenous people to Australia and learning more about the history, culture, and diversity in a two-way communication process.
- OPPORTUNITIES – attracting, developing, and retaining organisational talent to build opportunities for Aboriginal employment, training, and development and mentoring.

Tenderers provided information specifying differing levels of actions in relation to indigenous reconciliation action with assessment resulting in the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Australind Water Boring and Civil	1
Aqua Attack Drilling	2

Sub Criteria d) Access & Inclusion Plan (AIP) (5%)

An assessment was made to determine the ranking based on the responses provided that relate to:

- People with disabilities having the same buildings and facilities access opportunities as other people.
- People with disabilities receiving information in a format that will enable them to access information as readily as other people are able to access it;
- People with disabilities receiving the same level and quality of service from staff as other people receive.
- People with disabilities having the same opportunities as other people to make complaints.
- People with disabilities having the same opportunities as other people to participate in any employment opportunities.

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Tenderers provided information specifying considerations for access and inclusion provisions with assessment resulting in the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Australind Water Boring and Civil	1
Aqua Attack Drilling	2

Overall Sustainable Procurement Ranking Summary

The overall assessment of the Sustainable Procurement criteria has resulted in the following overall ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Australind Water Boring and Civil	1
Aqua Attack Drilling	2

Evaluation Criteria 2 - Tenderer's Safety Management Systems (20%)

Evidence of WHS management policies and practices was assessed from the tender submissions. The assessment for safety management was based on the tenderer's responses to a specific questionnaire included within the tender documentation.

Tenderers provided details of their safety management systems with the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Australind Water Boring and Civil	1
Aqua Attack Drilling	2

Evaluation Criteria 3 - Demonstrated experience installing commercial irrigation groundwater bores (30%)

The tenderer's relevant experience demonstrating the achievement of meeting client expectations. Information presented in the tender submissions was assessed and evaluated as to capability to meet the requirements of the contract. Assessment of this criterion considered the tendering entity's credentials and the requirements of the contract. The assessment of this criterion has resulted in the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Evaluation Criteria 4 - Demonstrated available resources to complete the project in the specified timeframe (25%)

The tenderer's resources as presented in their tender submission were assessed to evaluate their capacity to meet the requirements of the contract. Assessment of this criterion considered the tenderer's staff resources, vehicles, plant/equipment and workshop support to manage the contract. The assessment of this criterion has resulted in the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Overall Qualitative Weighted Assessment and Ranking

Tenderer's submissions were reviewed in accordance with the Procurement and Evaluation Plan. The overall assessment of qualitative weighted criteria resulted in the following ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Pricing for the Goods/Services/Works Offered

An assessment was made to determine the ranking based on the schedule of rates provided with the tender documentation.

Based on the information provided, tenderers are ranked as follows:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Value for Money Assessment

The combined assessment of price and qualitative criteria resulted in the following tenderer ranking:

Tenderer	Ranking
Aqua Attack Drilling	1
Australind Water Boring and Civil	2

Overall Assessment and Comment

The tender submission from Aqua Attack Drilling satisfied the overall value for money assessment in accordance with the assessment criteria and weightings as detailed in the PEP and is therefore recommended as the successful tenderer. Aqua Attack has extensive experience in construction of groundwater bores to the City of Wanneroo requirements.

Statutory Compliance

Tenders were invited in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The tendering procedures and evaluation complied with the requirements of Part 4 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

Strategic Implications

The proposal aligns with the following objective with the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031:

Goal #4 A sustainable City that balances the relationship between urban growth and the environment
Priority #4.3 Manage natural assets and resources

Risk Appetite Statement

In pursuit of strategic objective goal 4, we will accept a Medium level of risk. The nature of the City being 'pro-growth' means that commercial opportunities will be explored in

areas identified for development, potentially challenging perceptions of the City as an environmental steward.

Risk Title	Risk Rating
CO-O08 Contract Management	Moderate
Accountability	Action Planning Option
Director Corporate Strategy and Performance	Manage

Risk Title	Risk Rating
CO-O22 Environmental Management	Moderate
Accountability	Action Planning Option
Director Planning and Sustainability	Manage

Financial and Performance Risk

Financial Risk

A financial risk assessment was undertaken by Equifax Australasia Credit Ratings Pty Ltd as part of the tender evaluation process and the outcome of this independent assessment advised that Aqua Attack Drilling is assessed with the financial capacity to meet the requirements of the contract.

Performance Risk

Aqua Attack Drilling has been the term contractor for construction of groundwater bores for the past five (5) years with the City of Wanneroo. During that period there have been no contractual issues, and the works have been completed to the appropriate standard.

Independent reference checks have also indicated that the recommended tenderer has performed works to a high standard with other entities.

Policy Implications

Tenders were invited in accordance with the requirements of the City's Purchasing Policy.

Financial (Budget) Implications

All work under the proposed contract will be funded from the annual operating and capital budgets as approved each financial year.

Recommendation:

That the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, in accordance with Delegation 1.1.13(3) - Tenders for Goods and Services of the Delegated Authority Register for the awarding of recurring tenders ACCEPTS the Tender submitted by Clamon Family Trust t/as Aqua Attack Drilling for Tender 25083 for the Construction of Groundwater Production Bores, as per the schedule of rates in the tender submission, subject to appropriate funding availability, for each of the financial years within the 3 year contract term and the two (2), twelve (12) month or part thereof options to extend.