

STEERING COMMITTEE (Out of Session)



Meeting via email 22nd April 2020

Called by and direct response to the:

Healthy Waterways Coordinator

Committee – Board Members	Committee – Staff
Bob Pond (Chair)	Steve Fisher - Program Manager, Science & Waterways
Mark Cugley	Jo Garvey - Coordinator, Healthy Waterways
Marilyn Gray	Mike Griffiths - Wetlands Restoration Officer
Rob Summers	Jesse Rowley - Rivercare Officer
Howard Mitchell	

Attachments:

1. GP Forestry Quote_Karu Bilya_Site A
2. PHCC Procurement Policy 3.1 Procurement_Endorsed_R2_2019_06_20.pdf
3. Site_Maps
4. Fencing quote (GP Forestry preferred supplier)

Background:

As raised at our previous Steering Committee Meeting, we are now progressing the revegetation project at the 'Karu Bilya Wetlands Restoration' site, through the Restoring the Serpentine River project.

To refresh your memories the site is situated directly south of the Serpentine Confluence/Peel-Main Drain within Reach 4 of the Plan. Reach 4 commences at the Confluence and continues downstream to Lake Amarillo, Keralup.

It is this, the 'Karu Bilya Restoration' project that the Rivercare team would like to discuss and get the Steering Committee's endorsement for the Items below.

Contact is constant with the land managers (DBCA), to keep them updated, seek approvals and endorsement where necessary, for example fencing standards. The latest response is that the fencing quote provided does meet DBCA standards and costs are fair and competitive. Will Fowler, the officer in charge has suggested that the skirting is worthwhile as a temporary measure to ensure revegetation success.

Agenda

ITEM

1. Consideration to step outside the procurement policy Section 4.1.3

Reasoning:

- a. GP Forestry has quoted to coordinate all relevant activities works, including supervising and managing contractors on site. Works include:
 - i. *Fencing (0.86 km 1.8 m Kangaroo proof, 1 vehicle access gate (not included in Quote)*
 - ii. *Slashing, planting preparation x 5.7 ha site*
 - iii. *Weed spraying and planting – 8,320 seedlings (auger and potiputki, some guarded using biodegradable green guards*
 - iv. *Site clean-up, including return all forestry tubes, cells and associated rubbish*
 - v. *Site management, including arranging and coordinating all site preparation and establishment works, oversee planting and contractors at site*
 - vi. *Seedling pick-up from 3 nurseries and delivery to site*
 - vii. *Ongoing maintenance, including follow up spot spraying and tidy up where necessary.*
- b. Quote attached totals \$17,071.40, which would usually require 3 quotes.
- c. Justification to why only one quote was obtained is outlined in Item 2 below.

2. Endorse GP Forestry as a Sole Provider to coordinate works of the following revegetation works at 'Karu Bilya Restoration' project site.

Reasoning:

- a. GP Forestry was one of four suppliers contacted for quotes to supply the site specific seedlings suitable for the range of soils at the "Karu Bilya Restoration" site, and the only one that could source the variety and numbers needed to completed the desired works for the project.
- b. GP Forestry is a local Western Australian owned company situated within the Peel-Harvey region and offers not only plants, but a complete service from consulting and planning, to full site remediation and revegetation systems.
- c. GP Forestry is an innovative green company with an excellent reputation in achieving environmental outcomes and experienced specialists who can coordinate the project, including engaging the necessary contractors required to do the job.
- d. The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council has previously engaged GP Forestry to deliver successful onground works. GP Forestry also works closely with organisations such as Harvey River Restoration Taskforce, Greening Australia and Harvey Shire, all of whom value and support the company.
- e. The PHCC has recently sourced quotes (including GP Forestry), through other projects and it has been proven that GP Forestry are fair and equitable and costs are comparative to others out there.
- f. As per PHCC policy and procedures, GP Forestry insurances and public liability, workers' compensation, Professional Indemnity and other licenses are all up to date.

g. GP Forestry meets the majority of the criteria listed in our Procurement Policy, 8 Sole Supplier Status as stated below:

i. Before considering sole supplier status, all available avenues for research of the service, quoting or price comparisons must be pursued, and evidence provided that the option of sole supplier status is the only available or appropriate. Sole Supplier Status can be awarded to a supplier based on any of the following criteria, which takes precedence over the standard supplier selection criteria:

- 8.1.1 *The supplier has unique attributes, products/services or networks that make it the most desirable delivery organisation*
- 8.1.2 *The supplier has an established history in delivery of this, or similar goods/services, that provide it with more relevant skills and knowledge*
- 8.1.3 *The supplier has the demonstrated relevant qualifications, licenses, authority to deliver*
- 8.1.4 *The supplier is the only possible choice for the supply due to geographic location, requirements imposed by a funder or similar*
- 8.1.5 *The supplier is likely to progress the supply to a deeper partnership or direct delivery arrangement that may provide long term and/or additional beneficial outcomes*
- 8.1.6 *The supply is a repetitive operational cost for which consistency of supply has a value or the circumstances surrounding the supply are limited (e.g. electricity, phone, rent, office supplies)*

h. GP Forestry has agreed to supervise all contractors, including fencing contractor as part of the coordinating role.

Reasoning:

- i. Provides for a more efficient process in time management and scheduling works, especially in view of the current co-vid situation.
- ii. Potential to bundle the fencing and revegetation together in the one sole supplier agreement.
- iii. Grant Pronk of GP Forestry is currently working with Thelma and Jo Garvey to investigate GP Forestry potential to engage local Noongar working crews in his team and within the Peel-Harvey catchment.
- iv. Creates potential and opportunity to expand the proposed Contractual Agreement into a Partnership Agreement, whereby GP Forestry may offer in-kind through training and upskilling Noongar working crews in restoration techniques.

3. Consideration and approval to roll the independent fencing contractor quote into GP Forestry Agreement/Contract if approved.

Reasoning:

- a. Three quotes have been sourced to provide the fencing at the site, one of which has been sourced by GP Forestry and is their preferred supplier (we are still waiting on two quotes).
- b. The fencing quote submitted is deemed to be a fairly costed and reasonable of DBCA standards.
- c. GP Forestry has agreed that they will supervise their preferred fencing contractor during delivery of the fencing works at the site.
- d. If fencing and revegetation are bundled together and rolled up into the GP Forestry Quote, then this will save valuable PHCC time and resources. This presents a more efficient process for the PHCC, especially in light of current co-vid restrictions.

In summary, we thank you for your time and could you please endorse, or offer reasons why Items above should not be endorsed as soon as possible, thank you. Time for this project to deliver on the ongrounds component for the Alcoa Foundation project is fast coming to a conclusion and this project presents a significant Milestone achievement and great outcome for the project.