



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

LATE AGENDA

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 1:30 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting Late Agenda

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Executive Summary

It has recently been determined that Bore # 3 (one of Councils large production water bores) has several serious structural defects, specifically casing erosion.

Given the persisting drought and the criticality of bore water to the Parkes Water Supply, urgent repairs are considered to be a necessity.

Recent refurbishment of Bore #5 (a smaller diameter bore) using a stainless steel lining technique to repair a similar failure appears to have been particularly successful. The stainless steel casing is anticipated to provide an enduring repair (more than 10 years).

Contractor availability is likely to be the limiting factor to get the repair completed quickly. Accordingly early engagement of a suitable contractor is critical.

It is however possible that the necessary repairs may approach or exceed the \$150,000 limit, over which tenders should be called. As the time required to call tenders (hence advise the successful contractor) would potentially cause risk to the continuity of water supply to Parkes, it is proposed to complete repairs using the extenuating circumstances provisions (section 55(3)), of the Local Government Act 1993.

Background Information

Nil.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Regulation 163 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires tenders to be called where contracts are anticipated to exceed \$150,000. The Local Government Act 1993, at Section 55(3) provides that the section (above) does not apply where "because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders".

Budget & Financial Aspects

The water fund has adequate reserves to undertake the work.

Recommendation

1. That a contractor be engaged to reline Bore 3 as soon as possible.
 2. That the engagement be on a quotation basis, not tenders, as the time constraints in preparing tender documentation and calling tenders is likely to delay repairs into or past the critical peak water supply period for the Parkes Water Supply, potentially threatening supply.
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