

## **AMENDED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM NUMBER: WS014**

**ITEM TITLE: CONTRACT C13017-PFIEFFER ROAD (SLK 20.02-22.44) WIDENING AND CONSTRUCTION**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT Council ACCEPT the tender from Great Southern Sands and AWARD Contract C13017 Pfeiffer Road (SLK 20.2.02-22.44) Widening and Construction**

### **Officers Reason:**

Upon evaluation of the tender submissions, City staff recommended that NEO Infrastructure be awarded the contract. Price and the quality of the submission were the dominant factors. On 25 October 2013, the City was contacted by NEO Infrastructure and advised of a “gross” error made in their tender submission. Gross errors, where detected have contractual ramifications and should be dealt with appropriately. The error, if corrected, would be materially significant and NEO Infrastructure would not be the most advantageous option.

If the City was to hold the contractor (NEO) to the tendered submission and award the contract, they may not have the capacity to perform to the requirements resulting in poor execution, quality and ongoing contractual issues.

The City has the option to reconsider the tenders received. From a standalone perspective the next ranked submission is that of Palmer Earthmoving however Palmer’s are being recommended to be awarded another contract which could have an impact on capacity and the ability to execute the two projects within the specified timeframe. The City needs to be mindful of this, as projects have strict funding conditions in respect to completion and projects which involve bituminous sealing should not be carried out, wherever possible, beyond May as latent seasonal temperatures are not ideal for this type of work. In addition wet weather will have an impact on the execution and quality of the product.

Great Southern Sands is considered the most advantageous submission, and their pricing fits within the project budget. Given the context of other contracts to be awarded, it is considered a favourable outcome that concurrent projects be shared amongst local contractors.