



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

LIST OF INTERESTED CONSULTANTS

QT2014/22

**LISMORE CITY COUNCIL URBAN
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
(2015-2025)**

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1.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1.1 Informal EOI

Any EOI which does not conform to the requirements of the Specification or these Special Conditions may be rejected. However, Council reserves the right to accept a non-conforming EOI.

1.2 Canvassing of Elected Members and Council Officers

Canvassing of members or officers of Council will automatically lead to disqualification.

1.3 Ownership of EOIs

Upon submission, all documents, materials, articles and information submitted by the EOI participant will become the absolute property of Council and will not be returned to the EOI participant at the conclusion of the EOI process.

2.0 SPECIFICATION

2.1 Background

In response to a direction issued by the former NSW EPA under s.12 of the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991*, Lismore City Council (Council, LCC) developed the Lismore Stormwater Management Plan 2000 (LSMP 2000). The direction required that the LSMP 2000 address stormwater quality and not quantity or flood mitigation issues. Consequently, the LSMP 2000 only addressed the improvement of the water quality of stormwater run-off from the Lismore Urban Rated Area.

The LSMP 2000 identified 43 structural to non-structural activities, to improve the quality of stormwater discharging from the urban area. These options were prioritised based on a cost-benefit scoring system and ranked for implementation from year to year. Owing to budget constraints, the majority of the actions undertaken from the LSMP 2000 were non-structural (i.e. policy and education initiatives). Structural actions (i.e. on-ground projects such as treatment systems) that were identified in the LSMP 2000 were not funded and consequently were not implemented from 2000 to 2007.

Following implementation of the Stormwater Management Service Charge (SMSC), the LSMP 2000 was revised to include the SMSC dedicated to stormwater management (i.e. Lismore Urban Stormwater Management Plan 2007, LUSMP 2007). Since 2007, Council has continued with non-structural activities and with the dedicated funding source Council was able to deliver a range of on-ground projects to address stormwater pollution originating from the urban catchment. Although SMSC guidelines allow for both 'quality' and 'quantity' components to be delivered as part of overall stormwater management strategy, the LUSMP 2007 has a strong emphasis on the 'quality' component.

The LUSMP 2007 is now due for a substantial revision. Organisational priorities have now changed this revised stormwater management plan must consider both 'quality' and 'quantity' components within an asset management framework.

2.2 Project Scope

To develop an Urban Stormwater Management Plan 2015-2025 (USMP) that focuses on managing both water quality and quantity issues in the Wilsons River and Tucki Tucki Creek catchments, which receive stormwater runoff from the Lismore urban area. Within a framework of a prioritised and funded work plan, the USMP will identify strategies that:

1. Control the water quality and quantity of urban runoff at the source.
2. Manage water quality at the 'end of pipe'.
3. Retain and restore valuable natural watercourse features such as creek-side vegetation.

2.3 Project Outcomes

The USMP will integrate both stormwater 'quality' and 'quantity' objectives and delivered within context of Council's asset management framework - taking a holistic approach in urban stormwater management.

To this affect, the USMP aims to achieve the following outcomes:

1. To improve water quality through delivery of effective structural (capital, renewal works and annual maintenance) and non-structural (education, regulatory, policy development and research) stormwater management programs.
2. To manage water quantity such that damage to Council and community assets caused by localised flooding is minimised.

2.4 Project Objectives

To produce an accurate and reliable strategic planning document that:

1. Systematically assess all 16 urban sub-catchments that drain into the Wilsons River and Tucki Tucki Creek.
2. Proposes a transparent prioritisation method for capital and renewal works that considers both quality and quantity issues and integrates the Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan.
3. Identifies all available funding sources for stormwater related works and activities.
4. Identifies a prioritised forward work plan for capital, renewal works and a prioritised annual maintenance program within identified and available budget, including stormwater assets that have been or are proposed to be constructed by developers and transferred to Council ownership.
5. Demonstrates the nexus between stormwater management and future development.
6. Identifies a prioritised program of non-structural activities including but not limited to education, regulatory, policy development and research.
7. Proposes a meaningful and realistic method to measure and monitor stormwater quality outcomes.
8. Has consulted with the community as part of the development of the plan.
9. Aligns with *Imagine Lismore 10 Year Plan 2013-2023* (and related documents) and complies with legislative requirements (s.12, *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991*).

3.0 LIST OF INTERESTED CONSULTANTS

3.1 Search and Selection Process

Council will adopt a two-stage search and selection process to appoint a suitably qualified provider with demonstrated skills and experience to deliver the USMP:

- Stage 1 – Expression of Interest
Identify a shortlist of suitable providers through the EOI process.
- Stage 2 – Respond to Reverse Brief
Shortlisted providers will be provided with a reverse brief (including an indication of the project budget). Council will assess each provider's response to the reverse brief and engage on merit, the most suitable provider in accordance with the LCC Procurement Policy and Procedure.

3.2 Expressions of Interest

To undertake this project, the successful provider must be able to demonstrate extensive experience in integrated stormwater planning and management. It is anticipated the provider will have an exceptional understanding and knowledge of ecological/biological water quality, asset management, as well as hydrological and hydraulic issues in relation to stormwater management within urban areas.

Invitations are open to providers wishing to express an interest to be considered for Stage 2. Interested providers are required to submit details of expertise, relevant qualification(s), and experience that directly relates to Sections 2.2 to 2.4 of this document.

The objective at Stage 1 – Expression of Interest is for Council to identify a panel of providers consisting of qualified consultants (or consortium of consultants) with relevant qualifications and experience that are experts in their fields and are capable of delivering an innovative and integrated USMP. The providers will be selected on merit and be invited to participate in the Stage 2 – Respond to Reverse Brief of the selection process where the successful provider will be engaged by Council to develop a draft Urban Stormwater Management Plan (2015-2025).

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted and clearly endorsed with the title of this document, and shall be addressed to:

To: The General Manager
Lismore City Council
PO Box 23A
Lismore NSW 2480

Attention: Anton Nguyen – Environmental Strategy (Stormwater & Sustainability)

Or Email to: council@lismore.nsw.gov.au

3.3 EOI - Closing Time

- Lodgement of Expressions of Interest close: **2:00pm, Monday 17 November, 2014.** At the time of closing only those Expressions of Interest received will be considered for inclusion on the list of interested consultants.
- Any Expression of Interest may be rejected which does not comply and address qualification(s) and experience requirements that directly relates to Sections 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of this document.
- Council reserves the right to accept late Expressions of Interest at its discretion.