



LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

14 JULY 2015

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 14 July 2015 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
13 July 2015

Next Meeting Date: 11.08.15

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.7 WATERWAY AND CREEK CLEAN-UP

File No:	3676
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Creek and Waterways Report Original to Council2. Moores Creek Inspection3. Thozet & Splitters Creek Assessment4. Frenchmans Creek Assessment
Authorising Officer:	Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author:	David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

Council has previously agreed to undertake creek and waterways clean-up as requested by Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM).

In resolving to undertake that work, Council requested a further report that reviewed the scope (both in terms of scope of tasks and funds) of the initial DNRM conditions of funding. This report provides further detail on:

- the initial scope;*
- additional scope on the creek;*
- priorities; and*
- estimate of the costs involved.*

Council endorsement of the proposed works is sought.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the attached first priority listing of work be endorsed.

THAT a further report be prepared detailing the options for the rehabilitation of other creeks and waterways in the Region.

COMMENTARY

Inspections have been undertaken of the creeks and waterways as indicated in the initial scope requested by DNRM as a condition of the funding as reported to the Performance and Services Committee meeting held 23 June 2015.

The initial inspection of the nominated creeks (Thozets, Splitters, Moores and Frenchmans Creeks) confirmed the original scope but also identified what additional works was required to be undertaken on the nominated creeks to reduce the possibility of future damage to public infrastructure, flooding of properties and improve the water flow in those waterways. This included the removal of other trees and debris in the waterways and moving of alluvial material in the bed.

The creeks have been divided up into various sections and an estimate has been provided of the cost to complete the revised scope of the works. This has been summarized in the following table:

Creek Section	Estimate of Cost	Description
Thozets Creek (Lakes Creek Rd to Rockonia)	\$40,000	Removal of remaining tree, mainly removal of debris along creek – 2 weeks work
Thozets Creek (Rockonia to Roselt Street)	\$40,000	Removal of remaining tree, mainly removal of debris along creek – 2 weeks work
Splitters Creek (Yaamba Rd to Railway Line)	\$60,000	Removal of other trees. Focus on cleaning of both sides of McLaughlin St culverts 2 weeks work
Splitters Creek (Yaamba Rd to Norman Rd)	\$20,000	Removal of remaining trees and minor debris along creek - 1 week work
Moores Creek (Fitzroy River to Stockland)	\$60,000	Remove fallen trees and some minor moving of alluvial material around bed - 2 weeks work
Moores Creek (Stockland to Norman Gardens)	\$90,000	Remove fallen trees and some minor moving of alluvial material around bed 3 weeks work
Frenchmans Creek (Lakes Creek Rd to Elphinstone)	\$120,000	Remove fallen trees and some minor moving of alluvial material around bed 3 weeks work
Frenchmans Creek (Elphinstone St to Kerrigan St)	\$240,000	Moving alluvial material and reshaping the creek to reinstate the channel and some minor tree removal – 6 weeks work
Frenchmans Creek (Kerrigan St to Pilbeam Drive)	\$80,000	Remove fallen trees and some minor moving of alluvial material around bed 2 weeks work
Total Estimated Cost	\$750,000	

Attached is a series of photos of each of the Creeks.(See Attachment 2,3, and 4)

The above represents the DNRM requested works.

Further scope of works in other creeks and waterways across Council area will be tabled for endorsement in the near future. Those creeks include those that have been the subject of approaches from sectors of the community including Gracemere Creek.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 23 June 2015, Council accepted the report to report titled *Creek Debris from Tropical Cyclone Marcia*. This is attached for background on the Council application and State Government response.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This component of the clean-up of creeks and waterways has been funded by DNRM to the amount of \$1,000,000 with Council contributing \$200,000 which is the balance of its earlier allocation of \$1,000,000.

The proposed initial expenditure fits within the funding allocation and allows sufficient funds for works to be undertaken on other creeks and waterways following scoping and Council endorsement of those works.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Council has been engaged by the DNRM to undertake this work and the DNRM has agreed to continue the relaxation in the permit process for works in waterways.

In relation to Moores Creek, the DNRM has stated that Council is not allowed to remove material (rocks and silt) from the waterway; however, it is permitted to move the material in the creek bed.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Civil Operations has allocated various crews in its program of works to undertake this work before the end of this calendar year.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Council staff have inspected the four initial creeks and undertaken risk assessments of the works required. These assessments have identified some areas where services are located close to the surface and surrounded in tree roots.

CONCLUSION

To complete the works before the end of this calendar year, the works should commence as soon as practicable with the works that were initially requested by the State Government (Moores Creek, Frenchmans, Thozet and Splitters Creek) being the primary focus.

To progress this matter, it is recommended that Council endorse the priority listing as presented with this report and that a further report be presented, when completed, outlining the options for the rehabilitation of other creeks and waterways in the region.

WATERWAY AND CREEK CLEAN-UP

Creek and Waterways Report Original to Council

Meeting Date: 14 July 2015

Attachment No: 1

8.3 CREEK DEBRIS FROM TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA**File No:** 3676**Attachments:**

1. **Map of All Areas Rockhampton**
2. **Map of Thozets Creek**
3. **Map of Frenchmans Creek**
4. **Map of Moores Creek**
5. **Map of Splitters Creek**

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Council sought Extraordinary Special Assistance (Category D) under the Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) for the restoration of riparian areas, including the removal of fallen tree and vegetative debris from Rockhampton creeks and waterways as a result of Tropical Cyclone Marcia (TC Marcia) which passed through the Region on 20 February 2015. Assistance was also sought for repairing and rehabilitating waterways, improving flood mapping and preparing floodplain management plans for the Rockhampton creeks. The State Government recently announced \$1,000,000 in funding for the clean-up of trees in creeks and waterways in the Council area.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council accept the funding offer from DNRM.
2. THAT the 65 sites nominated by DNRM be inspected with a view to refining the scope of works.
3. THAT the options for the rehabilitation of the creeks and waterways be further considered to pursue the most cost effective solution.
4. THAT the \$200,000 not expended in the initial TC Marcia clean-up of creeks and waterways be reallocated in the first budget review of the 2015/16 budget to supplement the DNRM funding.
5. THAT the reviewed scope of works be referred to the Council as soon as practical for endorsement.

BACKGROUND

Council sought Extraordinary Special Assistance (Category D) under the Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) for the restoration of riparian areas, including the removal of fallen tree and vegetative debris from Rockhampton creeks and waterways as a result of Tropical Cyclone Marcia (TC Marcia) which passed through the Region on 20 February 2015. Assistance was also sought for repairing and rehabilitating waterways, improving flood mapping and preparing floodplain management plans for the Rockhampton creeks. The application for funding was in the total amount of \$7.3M.

For clarification, it is advised that Category D funding under the NDRRA guidelines may be available as follows:

Extraordinary Special Assistance (Category D)***13.1 Overview***

Extraordinary special assistance may be made available where the Prime Minister and the Premier agree that the community is so severely affected by an eligible disaster that additional funding is required to meet the particular circumstances of the event and where a gap or need for special assistance above and beyond the standard suite of NDRRA assistance arises.

This special relief measure is available under NDRRA Category D (refer NDRRA Determination 2012 s.3.5) and is only available in exceptional circumstances. As a special relief measure there is no set relief available under this measure.

13.2 Administering Authority

The administering authority is dependent upon the type of assistance made available.

13.3 Activation Trigger

Activation of the NDRRA and a joint agreement between the Prime Minister and the Premier for the activation of Category D extraordinary special assistance to be made available.

13.4 Eligibility

Decisions to approve Category D measure requests are made on the merits of individual situations. No two disasters are the same and the circumstances and needs of affected communities will always be different.

The essence of 'exceptional circumstances' is that there is something unusual about circumstances of a particular eligible disaster that makes the application of the ordinary rules to govern those circumstances inadequate or inappropriate. The eligibility, application process, terms and conditions will be developed by the Administering Authority once the extraordinary special assistance is made available.

As indicated, the Council applied under the aforementioned guideline for funding assistance for the clean-up of the creeks and waterways.

COMMENTARY

Council's application

The justification and essence of Council's application was as follows:

Rockhampton has experienced three major natural disasters in the past 6 years. In January 2011, major flooding from the Fitzroy River inundated large parts of Rockhampton. In January 2013, ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald caused significant flooding of both the Fitzroy River and local catchments and creeks in Rockhampton. The total cost of the two prior events was \$63.9 million with Council meeting approximately \$12 million of those costs.

On 20 February 2015, severe Tropical Cyclone Marcia caused extensive damage in Rockhampton and local creeks flooding impacted on the city. Early estimates of the financial impact of Cyclone Marcia on Council's finances are of the order of \$5 million to \$6 million with total expenses expected to exceed \$20 million.

Rockhampton may have a reputation for being "flood-hardened" and resilient, but, the community's resilience has been tested and eroded by the frequency and severity of flood events and natural disasters in recent years.

TC Marcia resulted in significant quantities of fallen trees and vegetation across the region. This vegetative debris and the movement of sediments caused blockages of bridges, culverts and stormwater inlets exacerbating flooding in the urban areas of Rockhampton.

Removal of vegetative debris and sediments and repair of scours in the immediate vicinity of bridges, culverts and drainage structures will be claimed as an eligible cost under Category B of NDRRA. Some of this work was tasked to, and completed by the Australian Defence Force with the remainder tasked to Council's Civil Operations Section or to Council Contractors.

Fallen trees and vegetative debris has also impacted on extensive areas of creeks and overland flow paths. There are three areas of concern and risk that have motivated Council action to clear these trees and debris despite, in most cases, not having the legislative responsibility to do so.

1. These fallen trees and debris create a local constriction to the flow area and will potentially exacerbate flooding of adjacent urban areas.
2. With debris loading expected to be high after TC Marcia, the larger trees are likely to accumulate smaller debris and form into rafts that may significantly reduce the flow area and significantly exacerbate flooding of adjacent urban areas and infrastructure.
3. There is also a high risk of debris blockage of bridges, culverts and stormwater drains as a result of significantly increasing the debris loading and transport of that debris downstream to build structures during flood events.

Scouring of riparian areas and the accumulation of sediments in these creeks also impacts on their hydraulic capacity and is likely to exacerbate future flooding in some areas. A more systematic approach to the assessment and rectification of these areas is required. As with the vegetative debris, sediment deposits may increase flood impacts in adjacent urban areas and lead to blockages of drainage structures and flooding of associated adjacent areas.

The tenure of these creeks includes watercourses (Water Act 2000), State Land, private land and Council owned or controlled parks. In some instances, private properties directly adjoin the creeks on one or both sides and in others instances park areas adjoin these creeks on one or both sides.

Council sought to act quickly and decisively in clearing the highest risk areas as further significant rainfall was possible after Cyclone Marcia. At the time that decision to act was being taken, two tropical lows had formed in the Coral Sea with at least one predicted to form into a cyclone and cross the Queensland coast. The potential impacts of a further cyclone or significant rainfall and subsequent increased risk of flash flooding through the impacted creeks and waterways was a significant risk to the community. The 'value for money' principle has also been at the forefront for Council and use of Council's own workforce and specialised contractors has proven to be less costly and more timely than waiting for a determination from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) as to responsibilities and seeking out contractors or other alternatives from that point.

State Response

The State Government has advised that it has promoted Council's Category D funding application to the Prime Minister; however, in conjunction with the Community Cabinet held in Rockhampton in late May 2015 the State Government announced funding for the clean-up of cyclone debris in Rockhampton waterways as follows:

Palaszczuk Govt kicks in \$1.1 million for a cleaner Fitzroy River

The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$1.12 million in local projects to clean up cyclone debris in Rockhampton waterways and help improve river health in the wider Fitzroy Basin.

State Development Minister and Natural Resources and Mines Minister Dr Anthony Lynham said today the projects would make local watercourses more resilient to future flood events, improve river health and ensure better quality water flowing into Great Barrier Reef waters.

The projects are:

- *\$1 million for Rockhampton Regional Council to remove clean up fallen vegetation and debris and repair river and creek bank damage caused by Tropical Cyclone Marcia flooding*
- *\$120,000 to monitor and report on river health in the Fitzroy Basin.*

"Flooding associated with TC Marcia caused significant damage to banks and vegetation on the banks of rivers, creeks and streams around Rockhampton," Dr Lynham said.

"Fallen vegetation and other debris needs to be removed from the beds and banks of these waterways to prevent potential environmental and infrastructure damage during a future flood event."

Agriculture and Fisheries Minister and Member for Rockhampton Bill Byrne welcomed the clean-up funds, which will go to the Rockhampton Regional Council once a contract is finalised.

"Fallen trees and debris in or adjacent to Moores Creek near Norman Gardens, for instance, could easily move during a flood event and potentially cause significant damage to the bridge," he said.

"Today's announcement is great news for the city's continuing recovery from the devastation caused by TC Marcia.

"Thousands of felled trees have already been removed and this funding will enable Rockhampton Regional Council to get on with the job of clearing vegetation from river banks and repairing damage to the banks.

"The funding means work can go ahead at 64 sites nominated by the council. This is part of the Palaszczuk Government's ongoing commitment to support Rockhampton's recovery after the cyclone.

"This follows last week's removal of seven wrecks in Coorooman Creek, the Fitzroy River and Rosslyn Bay,"

Dr Lynham said 64 waterway sites nominated by council had been selected for funding.

He said a further \$120,000 would go to the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health to help protect waterway health, including waterways flowing into the Great Barrier Reef waters.

"The Fitzroy Basin is the largest water catchment system on the east coast of Australia and supports approximately 120,000 people living in central Queensland communities including Rockhampton," he said.

"The basin also supports regional jobs through a variety of land uses and industries including grazing, agriculture, conservation, forestry, mining and irrigation.

"Healthier rivers mean healthier communities and natural ecosystems plus improved water quality in Fitzroy River flows entering the adjacent Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

"The Fitzroy Partnership for River Health produces an annual science-based report card on the health of aquatic ecosystems across the Basin, which helps government, local authorities and industry achieve healthier waterways," he said.

The partnership is a collective of 26 government, agriculture, resources, industry, research, environmental and community interests across the Fitzroy Basin; including the Fitzroy Basin Association and CQ University.

Mr Byrne said the partnership demonstrated what could be achieved when industry, government, academia and communities shared a common goal of improving river health.

Subsequent to this announcement, Council has received a draft agreement/contract from DNRM outlining the work that is to be funded including the identification of the 64 sites mentioned in the media release. It was also noted that Moores Creek behind Creek Street was also to be included resulting in there nominally being 65 sites for clean-up. Also following receipt of the agreement, discussions have been held with officers of DNRM to clarify the funding arrangements. Through these discussions it was clarified that:

- the funding would be \$950,000 up front with \$50,000 payable on receipt of final report which would include before and after photographs;

- sites were identified based on risk to public infrastructure;
- recognition that some sites may have already been done and that they could be replaced with others;
- funding does not include rock spoil and sediment – removal of trees is the basis of the funding;
- Council will be allowed to remove the rock spoil and sediment at its cost;
- the inclusion of Moores Creek behind Creek Street both upstream and downstream of the causeway; and
- work to be completed by February 2016.

Estimated Total Cost

As per the Category D funding application, initial estimates of the total cost were \$1,000,000 for clearing of large fallen trees and debris (note –clearing trees and debris from park areas generally addressed separately and an additional cost).

Initial estimates of the total cost were \$5,000,000 for repair, stabilising and rehabilitating riparian areas over the next two years.

Total costs were estimated to be \$325,000 pa over the next two years to refine flood modelling of the North Rockhampton local creeks and \$650,000 for the development of floodplain management plans for these creeks over the coming 12-18 months.

Total assistance sought in the Category D submission was \$7.3 million; however, these were preliminary estimates and, it is suggested, that the \$5M for rehabilitating riparian areas may be at the upper end of the scale and this work could be undertaken for a cost lower than that but probably not at a figure that would fit in current funding availability.

Current Situation

Council has spent approximately \$800,000 on clearing a number of sites in the creeks and waterways since TC Marcia and whilst the Category D application was being prepared and submitted. This work was funded from the Council allocation for up to \$1,000,000 for expenditure on this activity and this was halted when it was considered that it was close to the \$1m having been spent; however, when it settled down and all transactions appropriately accounted for approximately \$800,000 had been spent. A map depicting the areas addressed by Council Crews to date is attached as Attachment 1. The balance of the funding was going to be utilised as time permitted on the other priority areas. Once the State Government funding was announced, all further works were halted pending clarification of the conditions of that funding.

Next Step

This funding places the Council in a quandary with the funding provided and scope for that funding not allowing for the clearing of the rock spoil and sediment in the creeks and waterways and that matter may, in all likelihood, have a greater impact on the effectiveness and efficiency of the creeks and waterways more so than the trees and vegetative matter. To go in and only partially do the job will result in criticism from the community and an expectation that Council will complete the task including the removal or relocation of the rock spoil and sediment to rehabilitate the creeks and waterways.

See Attachments 2, 3, 4 and 5 which indicated the sites that Council included in its Category D application and the sites that have been identified by DNRM in the funding approval.

It is estimated that approximately 35% of the 65 sites nominated by DNRM that have already been cleaned-up by the Civil Operations Crews and this does provide for the Council to use the relevant portion of the \$1M to fund either:

- a) recompense for those works already undertaken;
- b) additional sites to the 65 nominated for clean-up;
- c) rock spoil and sediment removal as well as the removal of trees and vegetative matter; or
- d) a combination of a), b) or c).

CONCLUSION

Irrespective of which option the Council elect, the \$1M will not be sufficient funding to do the entire task even if we add the \$200,000 unspent from the Council allocation and this will need to be considered by the Council.

Does the Council accept the \$1M and do what work it can in full knowledge that it will not be sufficient to fully address the matter and the community will be looking to the Council to complete the task or does it respectfully decline the offer and request that DNRM undertake the clean-up in its waterways and creeks? Each option has ramifications for the Council and these will need to be considered prior to making a decision; however, it is considered that the negatives will outweigh the positives should the funding be declined.

To progress this matter it is suggested that:

- 1) Council accept the funding offer from DNRM;
- 2) the 65 sites nominated by DNRM be inspected with a view to refining the scope of works;
- 3) the options for the rehabilitation of the creeks and waterways be further considered to pursue the most cost effective solution;
- 4) the \$200,000 not expended in the initial TC Marcia clean-up of creeks and waterways be reallocated in the first budget review of the 2015/16 budget to supplement the DNRM funding; and
- 5) the reviewed scope of works be referred to the Council as soon as practical for endorsement.

WATERWAY AND CREEK CLEAN-UP

Moores Creek Inspection

Meeting Date: 14 July 2015

Attachment No: 2

Moores Creek

Fitzroy River to High Street

Approved trees yet to be removed: 2

Other trees to be removed: 14

Cleaning (days): 4

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: Removal of remaining trees, moving alluvial material in the creek, removing debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$30,000

Priority: 1



Moores Creek

High Street to Stocklands

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 6

Cleaning (days): 5

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: Removal of trees in the creek, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$30,000

Priority: 1



Moores Creek

Stocklands to Kerrigan

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 15

Cleaning (days): 6

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: Removal of trees in the creek, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing debris along creek

Estimated cost: \$34,000

Priority: 3



Moores Creek

Kerrigan to Dean St

Approved trees yet to be removed: 4

Other trees to be removed: 12

Cleaning (days): 4

Approved trees already removed: 1

Works to be done: Removal of trees in the creek, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing debris along creek

Estimated cost: \$26,000

Priority: 2



Moores Creek

Dean St to end

Approved trees yet to be removed: 4

Other trees to be removed: 10

Cleaning (days): 4

Approved trees already removed: 1



Works to be done: Removal of trees in the creek, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing debris along creek

Estimated cost: \$30,000

Priority: 1

WATERWAY AND CREEK CLEAN-UP

Thozet & Splitters Creek Assessment

Meeting Date: 14 July 2015

Attachment No: 3

Thozet Creek

Lakes Creek Road – Rockonia Road

Approved trees yet to be removed: 3
Other trees to be removed: 3
Cleaning (days): 6
Approved trees already removed: 10

Works to be done: Removal of remaining trees and debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$40,000

Priority: 1





Thozet Creek

Rockonia Road – Dawbarn Street

Approved trees yet to be removed: 1

Other trees to be removed: 3

Cleaning (days): 2

Approved trees already removed: 2

Works to be done: Removal of remaining tree and some other trees. Mainly removal of debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$16,000

Priority: 2



Thozet Creek

Dawbarn Street – Roselt Street

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 4

Cleaning (days): 2

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: Removal of some trees. Mainly removal of debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$16,000

Priority: 3



Splitters Creek

Rail line – McLaughlin Street

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 4

Cleaning (days): 3

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: ESTIMATE ONLY. General cleaning and debris removal. May not be a priority as contained within private (industrial) land.

Estimated cost: \$20,000

Priority: 3

Splitters Creek

McLaughlin Street – 6 Cant Street

Approved trees yet to be removed: 1

Other trees to be removed: 5

Cleaning (days): 4

Approved trees already removed: 7

Works to be done: Removal of other trees. Focus on cleaning of both sides of McLaughlin St culverts.

Estimated cost: \$30,000

Priority: 1





Splitters Creek

6 Cant Street – Yaamba Road

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 0

Cleaning (days): 2

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: ESTIMATE ONLY. General cleaning and debris removal.

Estimated cost: \$10,000

Priority: 3

Splitlers Creek

Norman Road – Rosewood Drive

Approved trees yet to be removed: 0

Other trees to be removed: 0

Cleaning (days): 2

Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: ESTIMATE ONLY. General cleaning and debris removal.

Estimated cost: \$10,000

Priority: 3

Splitters Creek

Rosewood Drive – Africander Avenue

Approved trees yet to be removed: 2
Other trees to be removed: 1
Cleaning (days): 1
Approved trees already removed: 0

Works to be done: Removal of remaining trees. Removal of other trees and minor debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$9,000

Priority: 2





WATERWAY AND CREEK CLEAN-UP

Frenchmans Creek Assessment

Meeting Date: 14 July 2015

Attachment No: 4

Frenchmans Creek

Lakes Creek Road – Elphinstone Road

Approved trees yet to be removed:	14
Other trees to be removed:	30
Cleaning (days):	18
Approved trees already removed:	6

Works to be done: Removal of remaining trees, moving alluvial material in the creek, removing materail and debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$120,000

Priority: 1



Frenchmans Creek

Elphinstone Road to Kerrigan

Approved trees yet to be removed:	13
Other trees to be removed:	30
Cleaning (days):	40
Approved trees already removed:	6

Works to be done: Removal of remaining trees, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing material and debris along creek.

Estimated cost: \$240,000

Priority: 1



Frenchmans Creek

Kerrigan to Pilbeam

Approved trees yet to be removed:	0
Other trees to be removed:	15
Cleaning (days):	10
Approved trees already removed:	0

Works to be done: Removal of remaining fallen trees, moving alluvial material in the creek including protection of banks, removing material and debris along creek.

Estimated cost:	\$80,000
Priority:	3

16 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

17.3 Funding Agreement with Capricorn Enterprise

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.3 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CAPRICORN ENTERPRISE

File No: 9288

Attachments:

1. Letter from Capricorn Enterprise containing 2015-16 Funding Request
2. 2015-16 Funding Agreement

Authorising Officer: Russell Claus - Executive Manager Regional Development
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Rick Palmer - Manager Economic Development

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

SUMMARY

Previously tabled at the Performance and Service Committee meeting on 23 June 2015 this report was referred to Council for consideration.

This report contains a suggested funding agreement between Council and Capricorn Enterprise.