

10.2 ACEN Stubbo Solar Farm Blue Springs Road Upgrade

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS
TO 17 AUGUST 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400098, LAN900112

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Operations on the ACEN Stubbo Solar Farm Blue Springs Road Upgrade;**
2. **approve Council completing the upgrade of approximately 4.6km of Blue Springs Road on behalf of ACEN Stubbo Solar Pty Ltd at no cost to Council;**
3. **authorise the Director of Operations to negotiate final terms and sign all necessary contractual documentation to formally accept the \$3,912,000 for Blue Springs Road upgrade plus or minus 10% for ACEN Stubbo Solar Pty LTD;**
4. **amend the 2022/23 budget to allocate \$3,912,000 for Blue Springs Road upgrades; and**
5. **authorise the General Manager to negotiate any positive variations to the contract with ACEN Stubbo Solar Pty Ltd up to an additional \$1,000,000 with any such variations reported to Council through the monthly budget report.**

Executive summary

As part of the development requirements for the Stubbo Solar Farm, 4.6km of road upgrades are required to Blue Springs Road. Council is proposing to undertake these works as the Principle Contractor for ACEN Stubbo Solar Farm Pty Ltd. The works will be performed under contract with all costs being paid by Stubbo Solar Pty Ltd.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

ACEN Stubbo Solar Farm Pty Ltd has received approval to construct a large scale solar farm off Blue Springs Road. One of the conditions of the development consent requires Stubbo Solar to upgrade the first 4.6km of Blue Springs Rd including the intersection with Cope Road and the site entry intersection.

Subject to Council approval, Council has provided a quote of \$3,912,000 for the works and a timeline that sees the works are completed by the end of December 2022, subject to plans of management being accepted by the Department of Planning. Any delays in approval outside Councils control, will delay the above timelines. ACEN Stubbo Solar are accepting of both the quote and the timeline.

Council envisage there may be a requirement at the request of ACEN to complete additional works to that currently included in the priced scope. The recommendation allows the General Manager to accept positive variations in this instance.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Nil

Council Policies

Private Works policy

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

All costs associated with the works will be paid by ACEN Stubbo Solar Pty Ltd, a budget allocation is recommended in this report for the value of the works. The value of the works is anticipated to be less than the quote, as a reasonable profit and contingency has been built in to cover risk as per the private works policy.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	-	✓ -	-
Future Years	-	-	-

Associated Risks

Council assumes the risks of delivery as per the contract. Council does take on and accept the risks associated with delivery of the project in accordance with design unless negotiated otherwise. There are no penalties in the contract for delay costs. Council is required to deliver the project in accordance with the development consent and associated management plans and environmental controls.

JULIAN GEDDES
DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

4 August 2022

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER