

7.4.1 MAV CONTAMINATED LAND AND LANDFILL AUDIT AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES

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| Responsible Manager: | Trav Finlayson, Acting Manager Sustainable Monash |
| Responsible Director: | Jarrold Doake, Director City Services |

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approves access to the Municipal Association of Victoria, Contract CL6962-26 Contaminated Land and Landfill Audit and Consultancy Services, under Council Contract No. 2026120 for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated contract value of \$1,521,276 for the initial term and an estimated total contract value of \$2,911,000 inclusive of all available extension options.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to execute the contract agreement.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to the Municipal Association of Victoria extension approval and satisfactory performance for the City of Monash.
4. Notes that the contract initial term ends 30 June 2031 and the contract also has two (2) separate extension options of two (2) years each and
5. Notes that the estimated schedule of rates contract values stated above are based on historical and anticipated future spend, including an allowance for inflation and growth (please refer to Financial section for more information).

INTRODUCTION

Council Officers propose to access a panel contract through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for the provision of *Contaminated Land and Landfill Audit and Consultancy Services*.

BACKGROUND

The responsible management of Council's closed landfills requires the expertise of qualified geotechnical scientists such as hydrogeologists and landfill specialists to conduct monitoring, reporting and auditing services to comply with environmental legislation and regulations. For some of Council's closed landfills, monitoring and reporting activities are monitored and assessed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are subject to enforceable instruments such as Environmental Action Notices that must be responded to using suitably qualified technical specialists.

The MAV often establish contracts on behalf of, or accessible to Local Government authorities so that they may access supplier contracts in an efficient and cost-effective manner. These organisations are focused on achieving better procurement outcomes by aggregating demand and achieving improved commercial and service outcomes.

Council is currently accessing the MAV contract *CL7700-2021* under Council contract 2025096 Contaminated Land & Landfill Audit and Consultancy Services, which expires on 30 June 2026.

The decision to request access to the newly established MAV contract *CL6962-26*, for the same services, has been to ensure continuity in responding to EPA requirements, which are being monitored and audited by panel suppliers available under this contract.

The proposed Municipal Association of Victoria contract is for an initial period of five years ending 30 June 2031, with two separate extension options of two years each.

NOTIFICATION

A Public Notice was not required because the proposal is to access a contract from the Municipal Association of Victoria, Contract Number *CL6962-26 Contaminated Land and Landfill Audit and Consultancy Services* as allowed under Council's Procurement Policy.

TENDER EVALUATION

All members of the evaluation panel signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms, and no conflicts were raised.

Officers have proposed to continue to use EHS Support Pty Ltd for consultancy services and Senversa Pty Ltd for auditing services available under the MAV panel contract, to ensure continuity and consistency for the ongoing monitoring, reporting and auditing requirements. The continued involvement of these two parties in the management of Council's closed landfills ensures service continuity with no operational disruption. By capitalising on their expertise and deep understanding of the Council sites, high-quality outcomes and operational efficiency will be maintained.

The panel also confirms that no more than two suppliers are required to satisfy Council's service needs. As such, the evaluation panel recommends the following suppliers as representing the best value outcome for Council:

1. EHS Support Pty Ltd;
2. Senversa Pty Ltd.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil