

COMMERCIAL SERVICE UPDATE

PROJECT UPDATE BY COMMERCIAL UNIT

Electricity

A Request for Quote (RFQ) to engage an Energy Economist to undertake an assessment of the financial implications of implementing the Hydro Tasmania Plan was advertised on 22 June 2019 in the Gazette, on Tender link, and the Sydney Morning Herald. The RFQ closes 29 July 2019.

A Request for Tender (RFT) for the Generator and Batteries Tender, to provide and install a generator and batteries, of appropriate size, to address the current issue of solar oversupply and to reduce diesel usage, was scheduled to be published by end of June 2019. The RFT release was delayed until July 2019 after consultation with a Technical Consultant engaged to finalise the tender scope and technical schedules required for the Tender.

Norfolk Telecom

Negotiations regarding the new 4G LTE Mobile System and Fixed Network Upgrade Project, have commenced in accordance with Council Resolution 2019/123. Initial discussions are being held with Speedcast International Limited (Prime Contractor) and Blue Arcus Technologies Inc. (Partner) and Challenge Networks. Other providers will be approached if a satisfactory agreement cannot be achieved with either of these initial parties.

The existing contract to provide commercial satellite bandwidth and support services for Norfolk Telecom expires 30 September 2019. A two (2) step Tender process has been recommended for consideration by Council in a separate business paper.

Airport

A Request for Tender (RFT) to develop an Norfolk Island Airport Master Plan was advertised 22 June 2019 in the Gazette, on Tender link, and the Sydney Morning Herald. The RFT closes 7 August 2019.

Council staff continue to liaise with Boral Resources on progressing the Airport Pavement Repair and Reconstruct (D&C) Project ("the Project"), specifically in obtaining the necessary on-Island planning approvals/permits, and finalising laydown areas for storage of materials within the Airport precinct including the storage of plant and equipment. It is anticipated that the permit to construct the groyne will be issued by the end of July.

A Steering Committee for the project will have its first meeting on 18 July 2019.

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