



**Bulloo**  
**Shire**

**I hereby give notice that  
a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Monday, 14 April 2025**  
**Time: 8:00 AM**  
**Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street  
Thargomindah Queensland 4492**

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

**Special Council Meeting**

**14 April 2025**

**Tiffany Dare**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



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**1 OPENING OF MEETING****2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

**3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES****4 CONDOLENCES****5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
  - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
  - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING****7 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS**

## **8 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**

### **8.1 MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

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**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to engage Forge Solutions (Forge) to undertake management and co-ordination of recovery activities on behalf of Council, and to continue engaging Shepherd Services for Road Infrastructure repair under REPA.

#### **APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Local Government Regulations 2012

Section 235 – A local government may enter into a contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if: -

- i. the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available; or
- ii. the local government resolves that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders; or
- iii. a genuine emergency exists; or
- iv. the contract is for the purchase of goods and is made by auction; or
- v. the contract is for the purchase of second-hand goods; or
- vi. the contract is made with, or under an arrangement with, a government agency.

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Delegations Policy

#### **CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Endorses the engagement of Forge Solutions for the management and coordination of recovery activities, as outlined in this report.
2. Endorses the continued engagement of Shepherd Services for Road Infrastructure repair works under REPA, with an estimated cost of \$438,185.00 for Emergent Works commencing 21 March 2025.

3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise necessary contractual arrangements and take all necessary actions to facilitate recovery operations in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

## BACKGROUND

Recent flooding across South West Queensland has caused significant disruption, particularly in Thargomindah, which has experienced major inundation and will require extensive recovery works.

To assist with the recovery, Council has engaged with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to determine an appropriate course of action. QRA has recommended Forge Solutions, a provider they have successfully partnered with during previous disaster events in Queensland.

Forge Solutions will be responsible for the management and coordination of recovery activities on behalf of Council. These activities will be aligned with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) certification requirements.

The scope of recovery services to be provided by Forge includes:

- Integration with and regular reporting through to Council's LDMG and LDCC
- Debris removal and waste management
- Removal of flood mud and levee banks
- Management of the already established landfill site
- Structural assessments
- Muck out/make safe of homes
- Demolition of homes where applicable
- Set-up and management of workers' accommodation (if approved)
- Council asset muck out under Emergency Works (EW)
- Infrastructure repair under Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA)
- Additional recovery tasks as deemed necessary by Council

Council will also continue to engage Shepherd Services for support with road infrastructure recovery works under REPA. This partnership will support Council in managing the extensive scope of the event, which is estimated to exceed \$80 million, based on preliminary aerial assessments.

## Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

## DISCUSSION

Council does not currently have the internal expertise or capacity to facilitate a recovery effort of this scale and complexity. As such, external project management assistance is required to ensure timely and compliant recovery operations.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has recommended Forge Solutions based on their prior experience and success in delivering similar recovery services in Queensland. Following this recommendation, Council initiated contact with Forge and has worked collaboratively to define the recovery scope.

The engagement of Forge and continuation of services from Shepherd Services will ensure Council's recovery efforts meet DRFA requirements and are carried out effectively.

**Legislative Authority**

Council proposes to engage Forge Solutions and Shepherd Services in accordance with Section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits a local government to enter into a contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if certain conditions apply.

Specifically, Council is satisfied that:

- Section 235(b): Due to the specialised nature of the disaster recovery and infrastructure repair services required, it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders.
- Section 235(c): A genuine emergency exists as a result of significant flooding across South West Queensland, requiring immediate mobilisation of resources and expertise.

Accordingly, Council resolves to engage the services of Forge Solutions and continue the engagement of Shepherd Services under this provision.

**FINANCE**

Shepherd Services will provide support under Emergent Works for the Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding commencing 21 March 2025, with an estimated cost of \$438,185.00 (based on a 3-month work period).

Project management Costs are recovery able under REPA.

**CRITICAL DATES**

March / April 2025

**CONSULTATION**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

LDMG



**9      LATE ITEMS**

**10     NEXT MEETING**

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