

17. QEII PARK - TRACK REPLACEMENT TENDERS

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to accept the recommended tender for the replacement of athletic track at QEII Park.

BACKGROUND

Originally, budget provision of \$1.55M was made in 2003/04 for the upgrading of QEII Park's athletic track.

Owing to the condition of the existing track, the Council agreed to bring forward an amount from the original budget, anticipated to be sufficient for replacement of the track in the 2001-02 year. The balance was to be retained in 2003/04 for the replacement of seating and embankments in the main stadium.

Accordingly, \$850,000 was budgeted for track replacement in 2001/02 and the balance, \$700,000, was retained in the 2003/04 year for stadium renewals and replacements.

It is particularly important that the project be completed as early as possible in order that minimal impact is made on the athletic season and schools' athletic programmes.

TENDERS

The Council subsequently invited design-build proposals from three selected tenderers, being recognised specialist synthetic surface suppliers and installers working in the Australasian region.

Tenders were received from:

Astro Turf (Pacific) Pty Ltd – Surface – Martin ISS 1000
Mondo Pacific Pty Ltd – Surface – Sportsflex SX

A late tender was received from Balsam Pacific, but in accordance with the Council's rules on tendering was returned to them as a non-complying tender.

The tenders received from Astro Turf and Mondo Pacific have been analysed by Specialist Surfaces Ltd, an experienced and well-regarded athletic track consultancy firm working throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Their recommendation is to accept the Mondo Pacific tender and, if budget allows, to include additional upgrade items.

Specialist Surfaces Ltd found that:

"The Mondo surface would be better suited for installation on the Queen Elizabeth II Park athletic track because:

- *This surface currently has a higher profile in the athletics world, which should consequently lift the profile of the Queen Elizabeth II Park Track Complex.*
- *If correctly maintained with good "housekeeping practices" it will probably last longer.*
- *It is easier and more economical to maintain and repair.*
- *The material can be tested for IAAF compliance before it is installed."*

Further to these recommendations, Mondo Pacific's price of \$885,350.00 was more than \$40,000 lower than the second tenderer.

Whilst the price is greater than the budgeted allowance of \$850,000, clearly there are identifiable savings which will bring the project cost for the track replacement within budget.

As part of the design-build brief, Mondo Pacific presented enhancement options, which the Council may wish to take advantage of. These include features such as the addition of a 100m start area at the start of the back straight, two separate long/triple jump runways with separate pits, additional synthetic surfacing allowing for maintenance efficiencies and an additional pole vault runway. These aspects will be discussed by the Leisure Manager with the contractor.

- Recommendation:** That the Committee accept the tender of Mondo Pacific Pty Ltd and that the Corporate Services Manager and the Leisure Manager negotiate additional options, savings and project timing to the best advantage of the Council.
- Chairman's
Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.