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ITEM: 22 Hawkesbury Agricultural Retention through Diversification and Clustering (HARtDaC)**FILE NUMBER:** 85855/CSV/ORB11LBX.C04**REPORT:**

Council at its meeting of 29 July 2003 resolved as follows:

- “1. *Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd be awarded the tender for the appointment as the Scientific Consultant for the Hawkesbury Agricultural Retention through Diversification and Clustering Project as per the recommendation of the Independent Evaluation Panel.*
2. *An Intellectual Property Agreement be entered into ensuring that the project information, including data sets, remains in the public domain.*
3. *All necessary documentation be signed under the Common Seal of Council.”*

As a result of Councils resolution, a contract with Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd was signed under seal by the Mayor and General Manager in this regard.

Currently, only 13 (thirteen) farmers have signed to participate as part of the HARtDaC project. As a result there is a shortfall of \$36,925.00 (thirty six thousand, nine hundred and twenty five dollars) including GST, in relation to the total project and contract value. Negotiations have been undertaken with Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd and following a HARtDaC meeting on Friday, 6 February 2004, a variation in the contract by this amount was agreed in principle by all parties including funding bodies (DOTARS and Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board).

To expedite the project so that work can commence and reduce the frustration for the farmers in the delay of this project, it is recommended that delegation be given to the Mayor and General Manager to vary the contract with Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd to address the issue of funding shortfall and as a result, any variation to the outcomes of the project. It is also recommended that all necessary documents be signed under the common seal of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Delegation be given to the Mayor and General Manager to vary the contract with Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd.
2. All necessary documents be signed under the common seal of Council.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 23 Leasing of Old Hospital Site**FILE NUMBER:** 107/ENG/ORB11LBX.E03**PREVIOUS ITEM:** 18, Ordinary (10.02.2004)**PREVIOUS ITEM:** 97, Ordinary (10.06.2003)**PREVIOUS ITEM:** 47, General Purpose Committee (03.06.2003)

REPORT:

Further to the Supplementary Report regarding the leasing of the Old Hawkesbury Hospital site, subsequent to the formulation of that report an approach was made to Catholic Health Care Services Limited to ascertain if that organisation may still be interested in leasing the building.

Negotiations have proceeded to the stage where Catholic Health Care Services Limited have indicated that they would be prepared in principle to lease the building for a 5 (five) year period with an option for a further 5 (five) years subject to formalisation of a number of matters. To enable the leasing of the Old Hospital building to proceed it is proposed that delegation be given to the Mayor and General Manager to finalise these matters and enter into a lease.

Council had previously considered Expressions of Interest to lease the Old Hawkesbury Hospital Building from Catholic Health Care Services Limited and Dr Ian Rafter (First Choice Health Care).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to undertake negotiations with Catholic Health Care Services Limited with a view to formalising a lease of the Old Hawkesbury Hospital building and to execute relevant documentation including the affixing of Council's Seal to necessary documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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