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REPORT BY:	Gordon Magann Director Works and Operations	DATE: 19/10/2026
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: Roads

Key Priority 2: Community

Key Priority 6: Economic Development

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Insignificant (Consequence) and Rare (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as **Low L-1**.

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for the approval to contract baiting services Local Government Regulation 2012 s235 (b).

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DEFINITIONS

GBO - General Biosecurity Obligation. This is the legal obligation that every person has to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise a biosecurity risk, and is further defined under Section 23 of The Act

IPA – Invasive Plants and Animals. A subsection of Biosecurity Matter which is administered by Local Governments, and which forms the basis for a Biosecurity Plan.

CONTENT:

All Queenslanders have a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO). This means that everyone is responsible for managing biosecurity risks that are:

- Under their control, and
- That they know about or should reasonably be expected to know about.

In respect of IPAs, the GBO requires all landholders, occupiers of land and people dealing with IPAs to:

- Take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risks posed by the IPAs, and
- Minimise the likelihood of IPAs having a significant harmful effect on human health, social amenity, the economy or the environment (a biosecurity event).

The GBO shares responsibility for managing biosecurity risks more broadly so that together we can reduce the likelihood of a biosecurity event.

The Queensland Biosecurity Act (2014) regulates the management of invasive plants and animals throughout the State. It does this by imposing a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) on people to manage Biosecurity Risks without directly prescribing what actions a landholder must take to manage their biosecurity risk.

Council officers have been actively coordinating the 2026 baiting program with property owners during Q3 of 2026. Property owners who wish to participate in controlling pigs and wild dogs throughout the Council area have been organised to participate in a baiting campaign targeted for commencement on the 16th November 2026

To ensure the program is effectively managed a specialised contractor Clynton Spencer of Invasive Plants and Animal Services has been requested to provide a quotation to travel to designated areas of the Council area to provide the baiting service.

As the estimate for the service for the service is greater than \$21,900 -00 and below the threshold for seeking competitive tenders three (3) written quotations are required. However, due to the specialised nature of the services, and as it is impractical for Council to seek competitive pricing, approval is sought under s235(b) of the Local Government Regulation to proceed.

CONSULTATION: Chief Executive Officer

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is *recommended* that Council:

- 1) Approves the appointment of a Invasive Plants and Animal Services a specialised pig and wild dog baiting contractor under s235(b) of the Local Government Regulation to conduct Council's 2026 baiting program.

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ATTACHMENTS: **{attachment-list}**

Director Works and Operations	Mr Gordon Magann
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