
Report Title	A. Notice of Motion – Procurement Practices
Report by	Councillor Greg Smith
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RECOMMENDATION

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ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
Not applicable
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
Not applicable
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
Not applicable
- A Leading Organisation**
L1.1 Ensure Council’s operations are financially sustainable and we responsibly manage our organisational resources, systems and processes

Notice of Motion

Moree Plains Shire Council ordinary council meeting 28/2/2019

Mr Lester Rodgers, General Manager.

In the current financial year we have had a cemetery extension design requested with no budget in the tender, a previously designed extension to the rubbish tip questioned by a consultant only to find the obvious and a large portion of a motor vehicle tender purchased outside the shire without taking full life costs into account. Along with this we have a simple excavation job involving a private contractor more than 300% over budget.

The use of Vendor Panel for one off jobs such as the water tower at Biniguy has failed to notify local engineering firms because they rarely do council work and don't use the system. Our very capable engineers in Mr Dinham and Mr McPherson are held in high regard but do not live locally, do not have the knowledge of local capability and are bound by policy.

We have a large capex program in the coming year and I feel it is time for the councillors to have a level of responsibility given the current financial situation for most businesses in our community.

The Motion being.

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Chair, Finance and Governance.

