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### **Airport reconstruction project update: terminal tender awarded**

Expansion works on the Gladstone Airport passenger terminal are set to commence by the end of the month, with Gladstone Regional Council this week accepting the \$2,452,800 tender submission from Woollam Constructions for the significant project.

Airport Portfolio spokesperson, Councillor Clyde Cameron said a tender assessment panel extensively evaluated each submission based on their relevant experience, pricing and an understanding of Council's specifications for the expansion.

"Out of the four highly competitive submissions we received, Woollam offered the best value outcome for Council," Cr Cameron said.

"Woollam were the best at demonstrating recent experience in similar projects at other airports, had proven experience in delivering successful construction works at Gladstone Airport, and as the second lowest tender offered good value for money."

Terminal expansion work is expected to take about four months and will involve enlarging the existing arrival and departure halls areas, modifying the bistro area, and the construction of an area to provide for future check bag and passenger screening related to regular public transport (RPT) jet craft operations.

The initial expansion will not involve installation of passenger screening and bag check operations, which will only be required when and if a commitment for RPT jet craft operations is made.

Council this week also appointed subcontractor Glidepath Ltd for the \$407,000 modification and upgrade of the Gladstone Airport's Baggage Handling System.

Cr Cameron said while terminal expansion works were poised to commence, Western End earthworks on the runway reconstruction project were on schedule with Stage One due for completion by the end of the month.

"Construction on the Briffney Creek culvert is now well underway, with the upstream slab in the process of being pored, and the culvert's structural walls about to go up," he said.

"Stage Two A night construction on the central section of the runway is due for completion about mid August.

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"While Stage Two B construction on the central section of the runway, towards the Briffney Creek end, which will see the operational runway length shortened to about 1000 metres, is due to commence early September and conclude by mid October.

"To minimise impact to the travelling public during this shortened runway period QantasLink, from August 17 until about mid October, will commence operation of the 36-seat Dash 8 200 aircraft."

The public are reminded that Council is operating a project hotline during construction hours, and any residents with concerns regarding the airport reconstruction works can phone the toll free number on 1300 419991.

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