## Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Explanatory Table – Harbour Park project – Design services

Under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (**GIPA Act**), there is a general public interest in favour of the disclosure of government information. However, where there are overriding public interest considerations against disclosure, or there are commercial-inconfidence provisions, such information will not be disclosed.

In determining whether certain information in the architectural services contract for the Harbour Park Project should be disclosed, Infrastructure New South Wales (**INSW**) identified the reason(s) under the GIPA Act for each redaction and weighed each redaction against the following key public interest considerations for disclosure:

- (a) promoting open discussion of public affairs, enhancing government accountability or contributing to positive and informed debate on issues of public importance;
- (b) informing the public about operations of agencies and, in particular, their policies and practices for dealing with members of the public; and
- (c) ensuring effective oversight of the expenditure of public funds.

In determining which information should be disclosed for this project, INSW has endeavoured to ensure there is consistency and parity with the disclosure of certain kinds of information alongside previous projects disclosed by INSW under the GIPA Act. Capitalised terms in this table have the meaning given to them in the Harbour Park design services contract, unless the context indicates otherwise.

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1	Execution clauses on page 43	Section 14(2), Table clause 3(a) The disclosure of this information would disclose an individual's personal information.	The redacted information comprises signatures and names of individuals, which is personal information.  INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that there was an overriding public interest against disclosure of this information because, if disclosed, it would reveal the personal information of the service provider's personnel for the Project and signatures of individuals.
2	Annexure A Contract Particulars Item 13 Insurances	Section 14(2), Table clauses 4(b) (c) (d)	The redacted information contains dollar amounts and other information which relate to various categories of insurance the service provider is required to effect.

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		The disclosure of the information would reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a government contract, diminish the competitive commercial value of information to a person and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests.	<ul> <li>INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information would reveal:</li> <li>insight into insurance premiums required to be paid by the service provider. These premiums represent a cost in performing the service provider's obligations under the contract and therefore would reveal the service provider's cost structure and profit margins;</li> <li>the quantity of the insurance the service provider effects which may be taken as an indication of the risk allocation of the service provider. This may provide insight into the service provider's financial arrangements and prejudice the business, commercial and financial interests of the service provider.</li> <li>Knowledge by other organisations of the service provider's obligation to provide insurance may have an adverse impact on the service provider's ability to negotiate other contracts and diminish the competitive commercial value of that information to the service provider.</li> <li>INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.</li> </ul>
3	Annexure A Contract Particulars Item 14 name and contact information	Section 14(2) Table clause 3(a)  The disclosure of this information would disclose an individual's personal information.	The redacted information comprises a name and contact information of a private sector individual, which is personal information.  INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that there was an overriding public interest against

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			disclosure of this information because, if disclosed, it would reveal the personal information of the service provider's personnel for the Project.
4	Annexure A Contract Particulars Item 19 limit of service	Section 14(2) Table clause 4(b) (c) (d)	The redacted information is the service provider's limitation of liability under the contract.
	provider's liability	The disclosure of the information would reveal commercial-inconfidence provisions of a	INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information would:
		government contract, diminish the competitive commercial value of information to a person and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests	illustrate the risk allocation between the parties which may prejudice the parties in future negotiations on similar projects, as it would reveal the level of risk the parties are willing to accept. This reduces the competitive commercial value of the information to the parties and prejudices their legitimate business and commercial interests; and
			<ul> <li>place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in negotiations with any subcontractors who would be aware of items which the service provider is unable to concede in order to comply with this contract.</li> </ul>
			INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against disclosure outlined above.
5	Annexure A Contract Particulars Item 20 Notices	Section 14(2) Table clause 3(a)	The redacted information comprises a name and contact information, which is personal information.
		The disclosure of this information would disclose an individual's personal information.	INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that there was an overriding public interest against disclosure of this information because, if disclosed, it would reveal the personal information of the service provider's personnel for the Project.

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6	Annexure A1 Fee Breakdown	Section 14 Table, clauses 4(b), (c) and (d)	The redacted information is commercial information which is the intellectual property of the service provider.
		The disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to reveal the intellectual property in which the service provider has an interest. Also, it would disclose the service provider's methodology and planning arrangements and place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or potential service providers.  The disclosure of this information could be reasonably expected to reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice the service provider's legitimate business and commercial interests	<ul> <li>INSW weighed the competing interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information would:</li> <li>reveal the service provider's planning methodology and know-how re the design of its team, which would prejudice its legitimate business and commercial interests;</li> <li>reveal the service provider's detailed schedule of fees, resourcing, pricing model and cost structure, and prejudice its legitimate business and commercial interests;</li> <li>place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage with any subcontractors and INSW's contractors for the Project, in respect of whom the service provider's role includes coordination and integration.</li> <li>The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.</li> <li>INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.</li> </ul>
7	Annexure A2 Milestones	Section 14 Table, clauses 4(b), (c) and (d)	The redacted information is commercial information which is the intellectual property of the service provider.
		The disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to reveal the intellectual property in	INSW weighed the competing interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information would:

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		which the service provider has an interest. Also, it would disclose the service provider's methodology and planning arrangements and place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or potential service providers.  The disclosure of this information could be reasonably expected to reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice the service provider's legitimate business and commercial interests	<ul> <li>reveal the service provider's planning methodology and know-how re the design and staging of its services, which would prejudice its legitimate business and commercial interests;</li> <li>place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage with any subcontractors and INSW's contractors for the Project, in respect of whom the service provider's role includes coordination and integration.</li> <li>The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.</li> <li>INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.</li> </ul>
8	Annexure A3 Key People	Section 14(2), Table clauses 3(a), 4(b) (c) and (d)  The disclosure of this information would:	The redacted information is information about the service provider's and sub-consultants' key people and their position.  INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that:
		<ul> <li>disclose personal information of the service provider's and subconsultants' key people;</li> <li>place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>there was an overriding public interest against disclosure of personal information as it reveals the identity of key people and their position;</li> <li>the information would reveal the service provider's work planning methodology, resourcing and key people which would prejudice the service provider's legitimate business and commercial interests.</li> </ul>

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		potential service providers;  • reasonably be expected to	The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.
		reveal commercial-in- confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests.	INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.
9	Annexure C Services Brief Pricing Template (page 229 to 236)	Section 14 Table, clauses 4(b), (c) and (d)  The disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to reveal the intellectual property in which the service provider has an interest. Also, it would disclose the service provider's methodology and planning arrangements and place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or potential service providers.  The disclosure of this information could be reasonably expected to reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice the service provider's legitimate business and commercial interests	The redacted information is commercial information which is the intellectual property of the service provider.  INSW weighed the competing interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information:  • would reveal the service provider's planning methodology and know-how re the design, staging and estimate of quantities for its services, which would prejudice its legitimate business and commercial interests;  • would reveal the service providers pricing model and cost structure, which would prejudice its legitimate and commercial interests;  • would place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage with any subcontractors and INSW's contractors for the Project, in respect of whom the service provider's role includes coordination and integration.  The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.

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			INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.
10	Attachment E Risk Report Template Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 (pages 237-238)	Section 14(2) Table clause 4(b) (c) (d)  The disclosure of the information would reveal commercial-inconfidence provisions of a government contract, diminish the competitive commercial value of information to a person and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests	The redacted information contains confidential details of the service provider's approach to quality management, work health and safety management, insurances and undertakings.  INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information would:  • illustrate the risk allocation between the parties which may prejudice the parties in future negotiations on similar projects, as it would reveal the level of risk the parties are willing to accept. This reduces the competitive commercial value of the information to the parties and prejudices their legitimate business and commercial interests; and  • place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in negotiations with any subcontractors who would be aware of items which the service provider is unable to concede in order to comply with this contract.  The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.  INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against disclosure outlined above.

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11	Item 7.4 Full Sub- consultant List (pages 239-240)	Section 14(2), Table clauses 3(a), 4(b) (c) and (d)	The redacted information is information about the service provider's and sub-consultants' Key People and their position.
		The disclosure of this information would:	INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that:
		<ul> <li>disclose personal information of the service provider's and sub- consultants' key people;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>there was an overriding public interest against disclosure of personal information as it reveals the identity of key people and their position;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the information would reveal the service provider's work planning methodology and key people which would prejudice the service provider's legitimate business and commercial interests.</li> </ul>
		potential service providers;	The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.
		<ul> <li>reasonably be expected to reveal commercial-in- confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests.</li> </ul>	INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.
12	Annexure F Schedule of Rates	Section 14(2), Table clauses 3(a), 4(b) (c) and (d)  The disclosure of this information	The redacted information is commercial information which is the intellectual property of the service provider and its sub-consultants. It contains detailed pricing information (including hourly, daily and weekly rates for personnel) and some personal information.
		disclose personal information of the service	INSW weighed the competing public interest considerations and determined that there was an overriding public interest against disclosure of personal information of the service provider's subconsultants' personnel for the Project.

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		provider's sub- consultants' key people;  • place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage in relation to other service providers or potential service providers;  • reasonably be expected to reveal commercial-in- confidence provisions of a government contract and prejudice a person's legitimate business and commercial interests.	<ul> <li>INSW weighed the competing interest considerations and determined that disclosure of this information:</li> <li>would reveal the service provider's pricing model and cost structure, which would prejudice its legitimate and commercial interests;</li> <li>would reveal the service provider's profit margins;</li> <li>would place the service provider at a commercial disadvantage with any subcontractors and INSW's contractors for the Project, in respect of whom the service provider's role includes coordination and integration.</li> <li>The effect of release of this information would be to diminish the commercial value of the information to the service provider and prejudices its business and commercial interests.</li> <li>INSW considers that any public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information is not significantly advanced by the disclosure of this information and is outweighed by the public interests against the disclosure identified above.</li> </ul>