

# Case Study – Probity

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## → Client Details

Tamworth Regional Council

Water and Sewerage

## → Client Industry

Public Administration and Safety: Local Government Administration

Local Government Administration

## → Project Description

*Tamworth Regional Council* (TRC) is one of the largest councils in inland New South Wales. In 2007 TRC initiated the Tamworth Wastewater 100% Reuse Scheme, a major works program involving two key elements. An alliance project, to upgrade and enhance the existing Westdale wastewater treatment plant, as well as a separate project to design, build and operate an effluent reuse farm on a 1500 hectare site near the Tamworth airport.

## → Engagement

We were engaged as consultant probity advisors for the works procurement program.

Advisor: Allan McLachlan

Advisor: Neil McLachlan

## → Key Objectives

Maintain probity and fairness at all stages of the procurement processes employed.

Ensure that all procurement processes achieved value for money.

## → Scope

For this engagement we provided advice to TRC and monitored the various procurement processes used to select an alliance facilitator for the scheme as a whole, an alliance contractor for the Westdale wastewater treatment plant upgrade and a design, build, operate (DBO) contractor for the effluent reuse farm.

A Probity Plan was developed. We reviewed the tender documentation and assessment plans for each procurement process. We attended and monitored all site meetings, tender evaluation meetings and supplier interviews. Probity Reports were prepared at key milestones for each procurement process.

## → Project Value

\$80,000,000

## → Engagement Value

\$101,500

## → Duration

April 2007 to September 2009

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