

Karratha Golf Course Driving Range Relocation Site Assessment and Design

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Overview

Origin: Council 24/25 New Initiative

Drivers: Safety issue– risk if not addressed

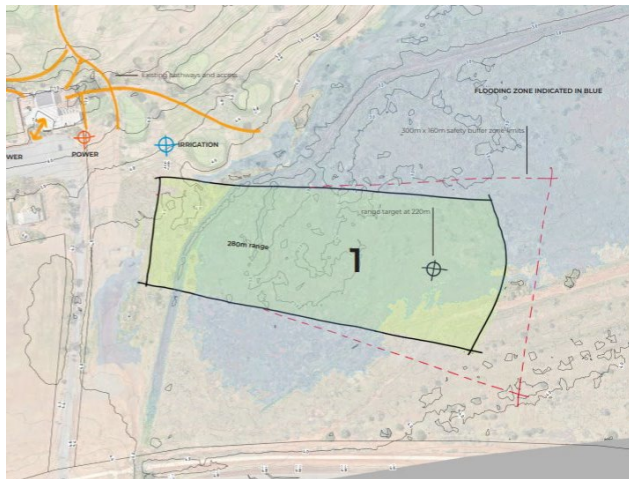
Scope: Specialist consultant engaged to undertake:

- Site visit, consultation & assessment of current site conditions
- Identify 2–3 site options for realignment / relocating the driving range
- Compare options through a multi-criteria assessment to select a preferred site
- Concept design & cost estimate.

Purpose of OCM report

- Seek Council endorsement to
 - progress *interim safety works* at the existing Karratha Golf Course driving range
 - Commence planning and investigations for *long-term relocation* to **Option 1**.

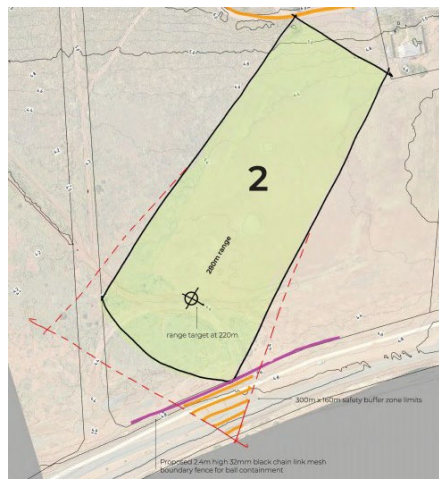
Options



Option 1

Easterly orientation extending into the wetland and flood plain zone

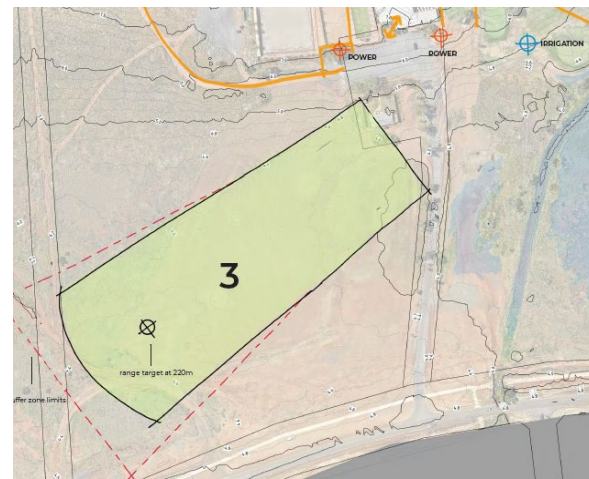
Estimated high level cost: \$3,401,200



Option 2

Reorientation of the driving range within the existing site.

Estimated high level cost \$2,614,400



Option 3

Alternative south-west alignment within existing site (DISCOUNTED)

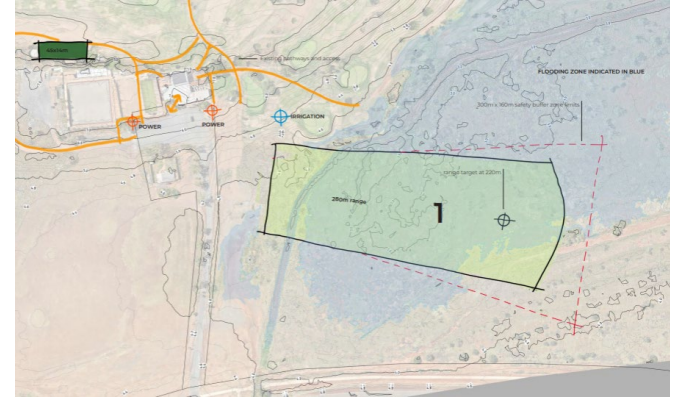
Preferred Concept Design - Option 1

Pros:

- 80m safety buffer
- No safety barrier netting required
- Close access to existing infrastructure
- Preferred option of KCC

Cons:

- Greater environmental impact
- High flooding risk
- Easterly orientation - glare from the rising sun
- Not aligned with Sea Ripple Masterplan



Recommendation

- Endorsement of Option 1 as the preferred location for the future Karratha Driving Range.
- This location differs from the Searipple Land Precinct Masterplan.
- Approve an additional \$170,000 in the 2025/26 budget to progress:
 - Fencing at the existing site for interim safety (\$105,000)
 - Site surveys and planning studies to support the proposed future location (\$65,000).

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