

<b>INDUSTRY ISSUES</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<p><b><i>CONTRACT BUDGETING</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realistic budgeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the feasibility/planning stage RIAWA may act as an advisory body.</li> <li>• Revegetation to be given the same priority as all other project considerations.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS – SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient expertise</li> <li>• Contract specifications often drawn up without advice regarding best industry practice</li>   <li>• Completion criteria often not realistic</li>   <li>• Timing of operations not always laid down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry consultation with appropriate experts</li> <li>• Local advice should be sought.</li> <li>• Appointment of properly experienced environmental staff.</li> <li>• Responsibility rests with agencies to be fully aware of relevant issues for revegetation.</li>   <li>• Completion criteria need to be site and project specific.</li>   <li>• The onus is on the agency providing the tender specifications to accurately state the specific times for implementation of the tender.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>TENDERING AWARD PROCESS</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pricing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenderers must price products and services in equivalent units to ensure that they are comparable, e.g. seed counts per kg, seedling container sizes.</li> <li>• No deliberate, unrealistic pricing to occur in order to reduce the total price e.g. low tender pricing on un-suppliable items.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>CONTRACTOR EXPERTISE</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate standards maintained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References for similar work must be provided and checked with relevant organisations.</li> <li>• Preference will be given to RIAWA members.</li> <li>• Provide a work history, including any instances of contract cancellation.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>REPORTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting and monitoring procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post implementation reporting should be a requirement of the contract.</li> <li>• Reporting requirements to be clearly stated in tender to assist in on-going monitoring and measurement of completion criteria.</li> <li>• Revegetation technology and other relevant information to be made available through the RIAWA website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAINTENANCE ISSUES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance program costs are not adequately estimated or allowed for within the contract time frames</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate allowances must be made for on going maintenance within the contract period.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AUDIT PROCESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No follow up and auditing of contract work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auditing must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Sufficient resources both human and financial</li> <li>b) Product and services as per specifications</li> <li>c) Regular and time- tabled, on -site inspections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>