

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Gladstone Area Water Board makes key appointments for the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project**

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has appointed Tell Advisory and SMEC into advisory roles to support the delivery of Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project pre-construction activities.

Tell Advisory has successfully been appointed as the Transaction Advisor and SMEC as the Owner's Engineer following competitive tender processes between late-September and late-October 2021.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said forming a strong project team was key to delivering on project objectives outlined by the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water.

"As the delivery authority for Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline pre-construction activities, we're focused on the goal of getting this important project in a position to immediately start major on-site works as soon as construction of the pipeline is approved by the Queensland Government," Mr Barlow said.

"A critical part of this is having the right people on the job and working collaboratively to support a seamless transition to potential construction.

"While the Department is finalising investigations to determine the full scope of the pipeline, we're committed to engaging with Tell Advisory, SMEC and our entire project team to strongly position the Department to quickly respond to the region's water security risks if drought conditions continue in 2022."

The Department appointed GAWB as the delivery management proponent for pre-construction activities for the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project, which is an option under consideration to enable long-term water security for urban and industrial customers of GAWB.

It has the potential to provide water security and, importantly, provide water for the emerging hydrogen industry in the Gladstone region.

A decision will be made by the Queensland Government on whether to proceed to construction of the pipeline during 2022.

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