

GLADSTONE AREA WATER BOARD

Offline Storage Facility and Standby Pump System



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Project Update

We're excited to announce construction of the Offline Storage Facility and Standby Pump System at O'Connell will commence shortly.

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has submitted the final detailed Business Case to the Minister for Energy Biofuels and Water Supply and is expecting final sign off within the month.

Once Ministerial approval has been received GAWB will be able to appoint the project's primary contractor and confirm project scheduling.

In the meantime, GAWB will be conducting some preparatory work on site including back burning.

Attached to this Project Update is a Fact Sheet and map outlining the project. To keep our neighbours informed, we'll be releasing these project updates as required to keep you informed.

They're intended to provide a brief progress update and alert you to any upcoming works that may cause delays or disruptions in the area.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, feel free to contact Brianna Kasper on 4976 3000 or bkasper@gawb.qld.gov.au

Upcoming Works

Fire breaks: 27 - 30 September

Bush clearing equipment will be on site to construct a blade-width wide fire break in preparation for the controlled back burning. Minimal noise and dust is expected.

Back Burning: Period between 3 - 7 October

Weather conditions permitting, back burning to clear the project's disturbance area will occur this week. The back burn will be coordinated together with the Gladstone Regional Rural Fire Brigade.

Neighbours should prepare for smoke in the area and take appropriate precautions if they suffer from any health conditions which may be aggravated by the smoke.

Cultural Heritage Survey: 17 - 21 October

The final Cultural Heritage Assessment of the proposed disturbance area will be undertaken by the Port Curtis Coral Coast Traditional Owners on completion of the back burn.

Toolooa Reservoir: 7 October – 4 November

Rehabilitation works will be conducted on the internal lining of the reservoir. Works will be conducted seven days per week from 6.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 7am to 4pm Sunday, to ensure the reservoir can be brought back on line as quickly as possible. There will be some minor noise associated with the repairs. Project contact is Greg Clifford on 0417 195 103.