

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Hunters reminded Lake Awoonga surrounds off limits**

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is reminding residents that the land surrounding Lake Awoonga is off limits for hunting.

GAWB Chief Operating Officer, Mr John Tumbers, said GAWB had received several reports of trespassers entering GAWB land via boat from the lake, hunting with dogs.

“GAWB owns all of the land immediately surrounding Lake Awoonga,” Mr Tumbers said.

“For safety, water quality and biosecurity reasons we have a single accredited pest management contractor who services GAWB’s land surrounding the lake; no other hunters are permitted.

“We will be taking all reports of trespassing very seriously and staff will be increasing the frequency of inspections from both land and water.

“We will be liaising with Queensland Police and deploying mobile cameras in hotspots to identify offenders if need be,” Mr Tumbers said.

GAWB requests if members of the public see a feral animal on land surrounding the lake to provide GPS coordinates or a description of the area to GAWB so that the authorised pest manager can be deployed.

Any hunters sighted on or around Lake Awoonga should be reported to GAWB on 4976 3000 or Policelink on 131 444.

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