



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Gladstone Area Water Board makes key appointments for the Awoonga Dam Spillway Project

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has appointed Tell Advisory and Stantec into key advisory roles to support the successful delivery of the \$49 million Awoonga Dam Spillway Project.

Tell Advisory has successfully been appointed as the Transaction Advisor and Stantec as the Design Engineer following competitive tender processes earlier this year.

The appointments are a key component to the success of GAWB's ongoing commitment to meeting regulatory obligations and remaining compliant with Queensland's dam safety guidelines.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the appointments are key milestones in the project's planning and design phase.

"A critical part of this project is having the right people on the job and working collaboratively to ensure we complete this important compliance program efficiently and successfully," Mr Barlow said.

"By proactively upgrading our spillway, we're not only meeting our compliance and regulatory commitments but further cementing the high safety standards our customers and community expect from all GAWB operations.

"This project will not impact downstream community members or create water security risks for community and customers, nor will it change the current operation of the dam.

"A key component of the planning phase is the development of our project procurement strategy. While some work packages will require very specialised skillsets, local businesses will be given every opportunity to be awarded work.

"Our contracting strategy includes partnering with local suppliers and obtaining local services where practical to deliver tangible benefits to the Gladstone region such as jobs, supply contracts and developing local and regional capabilities."

In the coming months, GAWB will host a supply chain information session as it prepares to release an expression of interest for suppliers.

### ***About the project***

These works are required to ensure compliance with updated dam safety guidelines which are issued by Queensland's Dam Safety Regulator.

These updated guidelines consider the likelihood of even larger flood events than what we have previously seen or predicted could occur. These works mean that in the unlikely event that one of these extreme flood events occurs, Awoonga Dam will be ready.

The current stage of works includes procurement, construction and delivery of concrete works and anchoring in the spillway. This phase is due to be completed by mid-2025. The design phase is anticipated to commence in late 2022.

Gladstone Area Water Board is currently working closely with the Dam Safety Regulator, and is committed to engaging with customers and the community throughout this process.

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