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Low Supply Alert lifted as Gladstone region's future water security improves

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is lifting the Low Supply Alert which was declared on 7 April 2021.

Under GAWB's Drought Management Plan, a Low Supply Alert can be lifted when modelling indicates there is five years (or 60 months) of reliable water supply remaining in Awoonga Dam.

Queensland Government approval of the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline in early 2023, connecting to the GAWB network at Yarwun, has enabled GAWB to account for inflows from quarter one 2026, and supported the lifting of the Low Supply Alert.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the lifting provides an opportunity to support the economic growth and development of new and emerging industries within the region.

"The lifting of the Low Supply Alert will make available remaining unallotted water in Awoonga Dam for contracting," Mr Barlow said.

"A Queuing Guideline has been developed, a summary of which is available on the GAWB website to ensure the limited remaining water source capacity is appropriately allotted to water seekers.

"GAWB is running an initial application and assessment process to establish a queue to allot currently available water", Mr Barlow said.

While the Low Supply Alert has been lifted, Mr Barlow stressed that GAWB continues to recognise water as an important resource and encourages all users to use water wisely.

"We are well prepared to manage and respond to various water supply and demand scenarios as they arise." Mr Barlow said.

"GAWB's Drought Management Plan aims to balance a multitude of factors such as customer demand, public health, economic impact and environment management.

"In alignment with our Drought Management Plan, GAWB will continue to monitor the dam level, rainfall and water consumption."

For more information on the Queuing Guideline, Drought Management Plan and Awoonga Dam capacity, visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au.

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