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Awoonga Dam given positive feedback in latest safety inspection

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has wrapped up the latest round of routine safety inspections of Awoonga Dam.

Led by a team of specialist consultant engineers, the inspections are undertaken every year as part of GAWB's Dam Safety Management program, and in line with Queensland's guidelines for a referable dam.

Representatives from the Dam Safety Regulator (Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water), also attended to observe the inspections.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the regular inspections were part of the statutory authority's rigorous dam safety management program.

"Initial feedback from the independent inspectors was positive, including recognition of GAWB's considerable effort and attention to detail in the ongoing maintenance of Awoonga Dam infrastructure," Mr Barlow said.

"GAWB regularly inspects Awoonga Dam to ensure it complies with current dam safety regulations, set down by the Queensland Dam Safety Regulator.

"Regular safety inspections are an important part of our ongoing Dam Safety Management program."

Located on the Boyne River, 30 kilometres south-west of Gladstone in Central Queensland, Awoonga Dam is the fourth-largest dam in Queensland. It is the main source of water for the Gladstone region.

As a statutory water authority, GAWB operates Awoonga Dam and is responsible for its maintenance, while ensuring secure and reliable water supply to municipal, domestic, commercial and industrial customers across the Gladstone region.

"At GAWB, we take pride in our 50-year history of delivering reliable, safe bulk-water supply to our customers and the Gladstone region," Mr Barlow said.

Gladstone Area Water Board, as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland. Gladstone Area Water Board owns and operates Awoonga Dam on the Boyne River, along with a network of delivery pipelines, water treatment plants and other bulk water distribution infrastructure.

For more information about GAWB and Awoonga Dam, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au

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