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Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline Facilities

Construction is underway on the infrastructure to support the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP). Infrastructure includes the Laurel Bank intake structure, Alton Downs Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and Aldoga reservoirs. Once complete, these facilities will pump, treat and store water from the Fitzroy River to enable long-term water security for the Gladstone region.

Construction delivery

Site preparation and earthworks started in early 2023 and major construction activities started from late 2023. Construction is expected to be complete in 2026, weather and site conditions permitting. The community will be updated as the works progress.

Project timeline



Construction impacts

Over the coming months, there will be increased vehicle movements and varying levels of noise, dust and vibration at the intake structure, WTP and Reservoir sites from machinery to prepare the sites for construction of the concrete structures and reservoirs. All works will be conducted in line with the project and site-specific environmental management plans and approval requirements. Where possible, McConnell Dowell BMD Joint Venture (MBJV) will make every effort to minimise impacts including managing impacts at the source and reviewing and monitoring work methods as required.

Site offices and work locations

To support construction across the Rockhampton and Gladstone regions, MBJV has established two temporary site offices, one at Gracemere and one at Alton Downs. In addition, MBJV is also utilising an existing office at Calliope. MBJV also has satellite offices near the Laurel Bank intake structure and Aldoga reservoirs.

As we undertake works across the region, the community may notice increased traffic and temporary changes to local roads. Please take care in these areas and observe all construction signage, speed limits and directions given by traffic control. Safety fencing, barriers and signage will be installed around all work areas to keep everyone safe.

Tree and vegetation removal

Comprehensive environmental management plans have been developed and approved, to ensure tree and vegetation removal during construction is in accordance with State Government requirements. All clearing activities are supervised by a qualified flora and fauna spotter and catcher. Vegetation removed will be mulched for use in the restoration and landscaping of the sites on completion, where suitable.

Cultural heritage

Agreed Cultural Heritage Management Plans are in place with both the Darumbal People in the north and the First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People in the south, to ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage will be protected and managed throughout project delivery. Engagement with First Nations People will continue throughout construction of the FGP.

Construction hours

Standard construction activities will take place between Monday to Sunday from 6:30am to 6:30pm. Occasionally, work may be required outside of these hours. If this is the case, we will provide the community with advance notice.

Our commitment

MBJV will keep the community and directly impacted landholders informed by providing regular updates as the works progress.

Post construction, temporary work areas will be reinstated as close as possible to their previous condition.

About the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline

The 117km Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is a solution to address the single-source water supply concerns from Awoonga Dam, supporting long-term water security for Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) customers. The pipeline will run from the Lower Fitzroy River in Rockhampton and connect to GAWB's existing water network at Yarwun. The pipeline includes a water treatment plant, reservoirs and pumping stations located along the alignment including Laurel Bank, Alton Downs and Aldoga.

McConnell Dowell BMD Group Joint Venture (MBJV) has been contracted to construct the FGP, and once constructed, the FGP and associated infrastructure will continue to be owned and maintained by GAWB.

Contact us

Thank you for your patience while we complete these works. We are committed to keeping you informed and will provide construction updates when we are working in your area. You can contact us at:

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