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First water flows into Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline as part of testing

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) has reached a major construction milestone, with the first water pumped into a section of the new pipeline as part of testing before the pipeline is completed in 2026.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) CEO Darren Barlow said the milestone marks significant progress for the \$983 million project.

“This is the first time water has flowed through a section of the new pipeline, and it’s an exciting sign of what’s to come,” Mr Barlow said.

The FGP consists of a 117-kilometre pipeline (almost completely constructed), and a number of reservoirs and a water treatment plant, which are still under construction.

As each part of the FGP is constructed, testing takes place to ensure each component will work safely, reliably and as intended when commissioning takes place in 2026.

Approximately three kilometres of pipeline have now undergone hydrostatic testing – a key process that involves filling the pipeline with water and pressurising it to check for any leaks or weaknesses.

“Hydrostatic testing is a vital step in confirming the safety and reliability of the infrastructure before it is brought into full service,” Mr Barlow said.

“Reaching this stage is a testament to the skill and commitment of our project team and partners. It brings us one step closer to delivering a secure water future for Gladstone.”

Construction of the pipeline remains on track for completion in 2026, weather and conditions permitting.

The pipeline will provide a second source of water to Gladstone, addressing long-term supply risks from Awoonga Dam and supporting the region’s growing industries.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB), as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhance the lifestyle of regional Queensland. GAWB owns and operates Awoonga Dam, along with a network of pipelines, water treatment plants and other distribution infrastructure. GAWB also owns and operates Aquaculture Gladstone, a fish hatchery and interpretive display at Lookout One at Lake Awoonga.

To ensure long-term water security for customers, the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is under development. When delivered, the FGP will become part of the GAWB network and provide enhanced water security and reliability for the region. For more information about GAWB and the FGP, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au.

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