



Gladstone Area Water Board

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Final Report into Gladstone Area Water Board water pricing released

Today, the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has released its Final Report into Gladstone Area Water Board's (GAWB) bulk water pricing for the 2025-2030 pricing period.

GAWB Acting CEO Scott Wikman welcomed the Final Report, which was developed through a rigorous review process.

"Every five years, under the direction of the Queensland Government, the QCA completes a review of GAWB's forecast capital and operating expenditure and the resultant bulk water prices for the next regulatory period," Mr Wikman said.

"GAWB participates fully in this process, and I thank the QCA for completing the review within the agreed timeframes."

In December 2023, the Queensland Government issued a Directions and Referral Notice to the QCA initiating the 2025-2030 price review process.

GAWB, like all monopoly infrastructure providers in Queensland, is subject to this process.

An amending Referral Notice was issued on 23 May 2024 to clarify that the price review relates to GAWB's business as usual operations. Pricing for the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) will be considered by the QCA separately at a later date.

In line with the timeline set by the QCA, in May 2024 GAWB tendered a comprehensive regulatory submission, which outlined GAWB's activities and expected expenditure over the 2025-2030 pricing period.

The QCA reviewed the GAWB submission, as well as other stakeholder submissions, as they developed the Draft Report, which was released on 12 December 2024.

Stakeholders had until 17 February 2025 to provide a response to the Draft Report.

The Final Report released today is the culmination of this review. GAWB will provide customers with further details on the new bulk water charges for the 2025-2030 price period before their introduction on 1 July 2025.

To review the Final Report, please visit the QCA website www.qca.org.au

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 pipeline will form part of the GAWB network. For more information about GAWB and the FGP, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au

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