

MEDIA RELEASE

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Awoonga Dam not impacted by today's earthquake

Earlier today at 9:49am, a magnitude 5.6 earthquake was recorded 154 North West of Brisbane, near Goomeri.

Gladstone Area Water Board acted quickly to assess the infrastructure at Awoonga Dam and it has been confirmed there is no damage or impact.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) CEO Darren Barlow said there are very strong protections in place for the safety of our dam.

“We conduct yearly inspections of Awoonga Dam’s integrity and have processes in place to respond to any potential scenario such as an earthquake like this” Mr Barlow said.

“Our engineering team acted swiftly to conduct the necessary checks and has confirmed Awoonga Dam remains structural sound.

“There is no impact to our infrastructure or the safety of the community, and no disruptions to water supply to customers.”

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.

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