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GAWB lodges submission to Queensland Competition Authority for water security pricing

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has lodged its submission with the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) for pricing of its water security assets, including the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline.

On 16 June 2025, the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training issued a Referral Notice to the QCA to undertake this price monitoring investigation.

In line with the timelines set by the QCA, GAWB has lodged its submission for water security asset pricing.

The QCA will now undertake an independent review to consider GAWB's proposed costs and pricing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said water security is a critical issue for the region.

"Water security is essential for Gladstone – for our industries who rely on water to operate, for communities to live, for our economy to thrive," Mr Barlow said.

"This independent review is an important step to ensure prices set for our water security assets are fair, transparent and based on prudent and efficient costs."

The QCA has outlined the following process for this price monitoring investigation:

- Submissions from customers and stakeholders are invited by 20 October 2025.
- The QCA will publish a Draft Report in December 2025 and invite further submissions.
- The QCA will make its Final Decision in the first half of 2026.

For more information on the process, 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.

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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