

### **Contract awarded for East End Pipeline design and construction**

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has awarded the design and construction contract for the East End Pipeline Project to McConnell Dowell BMD Joint Venture (MBJV).

The East End Pipeline Project is a key investment in the reliability and resilience of the Gladstone region's treated water network, with a total project value of \$57 million. The project will replace the existing 23-kilometre treated water pipeline between Boat Creek Pump Station and East End Reservoir, which has reached the end of its service life.

Detailed design and early works are now underway, with major construction expected to commence in early 2026 and completion scheduled for late 2026.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the award of the design and construction contract represents a significant milestone in securing the region's long-term water supply.

"The East End Pipeline is critical to maintaining a safe and reliable water supply for Gladstone's industries and the Mt Larcom community," Mr Barlow said.

"Appointing MBJV as Principal Contractor allows us to move confidently into the next phase of delivery and ensures this essential infrastructure will continue to meet local needs for decades to come."

The new pipeline will improve operational efficiency, reduce maintenance requirements, and continue to supply treated water to Gladstone Regional Council, specifically the Mount Larcom township, which relies on the East End system for its treated water supply, and a number of GAWB's industrial customers.

The project includes upgrades to the Boat Creek Pump Station to increase capacity and improve system performance.

"This investment reinforces GAWB's commitment to providing safe, reliable and sustainable water services that support local industry and community growth," Mr Barlow said.

GAWB and MBJV will work closely to maximise opportunities for local employment and supply chain participation during construction. Businesses and individuals interested in employment or subcontracting opportunities are encouraged to contact MBJV directly for more information.

The East End Pipeline Project is being delivered by GAWB as part of its capital works program to maintain and modernise essential water infrastructure across Central Queensland.

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](http://www.gawb.qld.gov.au)

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