



## Gladstone Area Water Board

### MEDIA RELEASE

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### Gladstone water infrastructure strengthened with pipeline upgrades

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is strengthening critical water infrastructure in the Gladstone region, completing two pipeline upgrades in 2025 and beginning a third in March.

These works are part of GAWB's ongoing commitment to deliver safe and reliable water supply for Gladstone customers including industry and Gladstone Regional Council.

More than three kilometres of the 80-year-old Golegumma Pipeline was replaced at Wurdong Heights, while a section of the water pipeline under the Dawson Highway was also upgraded - both essential assets within Gladstone's bulk water network.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said GAWB's continued investment in infrastructure is vital to resilience and economic stability of the region.

"It's critical we maintain our assets and replace ageing infrastructure so we can continue to provide our customers with safe and reliable water supply," Mr Barlow said.

"By replacing ageing pipelines now, we're improving efficiency for when the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline comes online."

GAWB is also working with Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) to replace the 50-year-old water pipeline that supplies raw water to the refinery at Parsons Point in South Gladstone.

"This pipeline has reached its end of life and by replacing this section we're ensuring one of Gladstone's largest employers can continue to operate efficiently," Mr Barlow said.

Works are expected to begin in March with a temporary laydown area near French Street, but there's no anticipated impact on the public.

Project updates will be posted on the GAWB website and social media channels.

"Many of the pipelines we're replacing are more than 50 years old," Mr Barlow said.

"That longevity reflects careful asset management and our ongoing commitment to delivering value for money for customers and the community."

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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