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FGP reaches major commissioning milestone at Laurel Bank intake

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) has reached a major commissioning milestone, with water circulating through the Laurel Bank intake pumps for the first time.

The milestone was achieved following removal of the stopboard at the Laurel Bank intake structure, allowing water from the Fitzroy River to enter the intake in a controlled configuration.

Water is now circulating through the pumps via a bypass arrangement, with the first isolation valve remaining closed. This staged approach allows the project team to test and confirm the pumps, and associated systems are operating as designed before water is transferred into the main pipeline.

Gladstone Area Water Board Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the milestone marked an important step as the project transitions from construction into commissioning at the northern end of the pipeline.

“This is the first of several significant commissioning milestones for the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline,” Mr Barlow said.

“Today marks the first time water has passed through the pumps as part of the commissioning program.

“This controlled process allows us to test and confirm the performance of critical infrastructure before water is transferred into the Sediment Reduction Facility.

“The FGP is about securing Gladstone’s water future, and this milestone brings us another step closer to delivering long-term water security for our region.”

“The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline will provide a second source of water for Gladstone and support jobs, industry and regional communities for decades to come.”

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is expected to be completed in 2026, weather and commissioning conditions permitting. Once operational, for every litre of water used from the FGP, a litre of water from Awoonga Dam is saved’

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is a Queensland Government funded project, delivered by Gladstone Area Water Board.

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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