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**Final Report released on pricing for GAWB water security assets**

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has released its Final Report into pricing for Gladstone Area Water Board's (GAWB) water security assets, outlining indicative charges for the 2026–2030 period and providing long-term certainty for the region's water security investments.

Gladstone Area Water Board CEO Darren Barlow welcomed the Final Report, which followed a rigorous and independent price monitoring investigation.

"This has been a comprehensive review process led by the Queensland Competition Authority, with multiple opportunities for input from GAWB, our customers and other stakeholders," Mr Barlow said.

"Water security is critical for the region as it underpins industry, jobs and local communities.

"The completion of the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline will address a long-term water security risk for the region.

"For every litre used from the Fitzroy and transported through the FGP, that's a litre of water saved in Awoonga Dam."

The investigation was initiated following a Referral Notice issued by the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training to the QCA on 16 June 2025.

In line with the timelines set by the QCA, GAWB lodged its submission for water security asset pricing in September 2025, with customers and stakeholders invited to make submissions by October 2025.

A Draft Report was published by the QCA in December 2025 and there were further opportunities for submissions in early 2026.

The Final Report released on Friday 8 May is the culmination of this review.

GAWB will provide customers with further details on pricing arrangements to apply from 1 July 2026 as part of its ongoing customer engagement.

More information about the process is available on the QCA website at [www.qca.org.au](http://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](http://www.gawb.qld.gov.au)

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