Gladstone Area Water Board

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National recognition keeps flowing for Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline

The $983 million Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) has scored another major national accolade, securing two finalist positions in the inaugural 2026 Utility Awards.

The project is in the running for:

- **Utility Project of the Year**
- **Project Delivery Team of the Year, jointly with McConnell Dowell BMD Joint Venture.**

GAWB Acting Chief Executive Officer Scott Wikman said the double nomination was another strong vote of confidence in a project which is reshaping Gladstone's long-term water security.

"The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is the biggest infrastructure project GAWB has ever delivered, and it will change the way we manage water security in this region for decades to come," Mr Wikman said.

"It gives Gladstone something we have never had before - a second source of bulk water supply.

"That is a major step forward for the resilience of our network, for our customers and for the future of the region."

Mr Wikman said the recognition was just as much about the people behind the project as the infrastructure itself.

"You can't deliver 117 kilometres of pipeline, major new water infrastructure and a project of this complexity without an extraordinary team effort," Mr Wikman said.

"From GAWB and McConnell Dowell BMD Joint Venture through to designers, local contractors, suppliers, Traditional Owners, landholders and hundreds of people working across the project, this has been a genuinely collective achievement.

"To have the project recognised nationally is fantastic. To have the delivery team recognised alongside it makes it even more special."

A year of national recognition

The Utility Awards nominations add to an impressive run of national recognition for the FGP in 2026.

The project has already:

- won the Infrastructure Sustainability Council Excellence in Economic Outcomes Award
- received a Highly Commended for Excellence in Social Outcomes
- won a national CPRA Golden Target Award for infrastructure communication.

Mr Wikman said the range of recognition reflected the ambition to deliver more than just physical infrastructure.

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“We set out to build a pipeline, but we also wanted the project to leave something behind for Central Queensland,” Mr Wikman said.

“More than $160 million has been spent with Gladstone and Rockhampton businesses, more than 500 people were employed at peak construction, and the project has created jobs, training opportunities and stronger regional capability.”

Building Gladstone’s water security future

The 117-kilometre FGP provides Gladstone with a second source of bulk water supply, reducing reliance on Awoonga Dam and strengthening the region’s long-term water security.

Construction is complete and the pipeline is in final commissioning ahead of operations later in 2026.

Winners of the 2026 Utility Awards will be announced in Melbourne on 27 October 2026.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) 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

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