Gladstone Area Water Board

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The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is the result of more than 20 years of planning, investigation, and engagement across all levels of government, local councils, industry, water users, technical experts and broader stakeholders.

This process identified the need for a second water source to ensure Gladstone's long-term water security for residents and industry alike. Essentially, the FGP has drought-proofed the Gladstone region, an important industrial hub for the State.

Like most bulk water infrastructure in Queensland, costs of the FGP will be recovered from all customers through GAWB's regulated pricing framework. GAWB's prices are subject to reviews by the independent Queensland Competition Authority with the latest being completed in May 2026.

While specific customer details remain confidential, we can confirm all GAWB customers contribute to the cost of the FGP, with the charges also being passed onto the Gladstone Regional Council (GRC).

How GRC recovers costs from customers is a matter for Council. However, to offset charges to Gladstone households and businesses, the Queensland Government has provided a $10 million subsidy for Gladstone residents to ease pressure on household budgets.

For more information about GAWB and the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline, visit www.gawb.qld.gov.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. 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 nearing completion. Once operational, the FGP will form 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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