

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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Review approach to the Gladstone Area Water Board price monitoring 2020–25

Today, the QCA made a statutory request for information to the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB), under s. 185 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act), to provide additional information relevant to our investigation into GAWB's pricing for 2020–25.¹ The QCA's letter to GAWB has been published on our website.

What is a statutory request for information?

Under [s. 185\(1\) of the QCA Act](#), the QCA may, in writing, require someone to:

- give a statement setting out stated information, and/or
- produce a stated document

to the QCA, by a stated day.

In accordance with s. 185(3) of the QCA Act, the person to whom notice is given must comply with the notice, to the extent possible.²

Within the scope of its price monitoring investigation, the QCA may issue a statutory request to any persons, including GAWB's officers, stakeholders to this review (including GAWB's customers) and officers of relevant government agencies.

It is customary for the QCA to request information from regulated entities in the course of investigations, both formally and informally. The use of s. 185 notices effectively enforces the deadlines for responses to information requests.

¹ Pursuant to s. 23A of the QCA Act.

² Precise terms are set out in s. 185 of the QCA Act.