

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1384

asked on 26 October 2023

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**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise why the new Gladstone pipeline is not a dual directional pumping pipeline to allow water to be moved both from the Fitzroy Barrage to Gladstone and from Gladstone back to the Fitzroy Barrage to allow water transfer both ways in times of need?

ANSWER:

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline, which is expected to be completed in 2026, was identified as the preferred option to meet Gladstone's medium and long-term water security needs and support economic development in the region.

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is being constructed to allow for bidirectionality in the future. This is one of several options the Queensland Government is investigating, together with stakeholders, to improve long-term water security across Central Queensland, including the Rockhampton and Livingstone areas.

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline and the important planning work underway, form part of the \$5.2 billion in water infrastructure investment by the Palaszczuk Government since 2015 which has created more than 3,400 jobs across Queensland. Other important investments in Central Queensland include Rookwood Weir, the Gracemere to Mount Morgan Pipeline and associated upgrade works, supporting Rockhampton Regional Council with water carting costs to Mount Morgan, and multiple projects funded through the Building our Regions program.