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MEDIA RELEASE

GAWB appoints new Chief Executive Officer

Chair of the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB), Mr Denis Cook, today announced the appointment of Mr Darren Barlow to the position of Chief Executive Officer, commencing in late March.

Until recently, Barlow was CEO of Queensland's Rental Tenancies Authority, the organisation responsible for the regulation and management of bonds and the housing sector in Queensland.

Prior to that, Barlow worked with Aurizon, Queensland Rail and Ergon Energy in a variety of roles.

"Darren has previous experience leading large capital projects, overseeing regulatory price submissions, managing large asset portfolios and has a strong focus on safety," Mr Cook said.

"He is results oriented and we are confident in his ability to lead the Gladstone Area Water Board and deliver the outcomes required by our customers and stakeholders".

Mr Barlow will relocate to Gladstone with his family from Brisbane.

Mr Cook thanked the outgoing GAWB CEO, Mr Jim Grayson, who will finish with GAWB after 15 years with the organization including 12 of those as Chief Executive Officer.

In that time, he has worked tirelessly to make GAWB an effective and efficient business with a strong regional focus and a healthy workplace culture, Mr Cook said.

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