

*Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*  
Sections 23 and 24

**REFERRAL NOTICE**

As the Premier and the Treasurer of Queensland, we hereby refer under section 23 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* the declared government monopoly business activities of the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) for the following:

- (a) an investigation about the pricing practices relating to the declared activities; and
- (b) an investigation of an appropriate framework for monitoring pricing practices (including prices and contractual arrangements) relating to the declared activities.

Under section 24 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* we direct the QCA in relation to this referral to:

1. provide a Draft Report on the investigation by 31 December 2004, with the final report to be provided by 21 March 2005;
2. consult with GAWB, GAWB's customers and other relevant stakeholders; and,
3. advise, on a confidential basis, individual customers of indicative prices consistent with the Authority's recommended pricing practices.