

# Fuel for Thought

## Not As Easy as ABC

I'm not sure it will be the start of a stellar media career but you might have seen that I was interviewed about our plant and project for a number of different ABC radio and TV programs.

In my view our plant looked great on the TV coverage and is a testament to the hard work that has been put in by our team to build a facility that, as the Queensland Environment department recently concluded, is exemplary.

I was also very heartened to hear our Mayor being supportive in recognising the work we have done in constructing and demonstrating our new technology to the community.

I confess I was also a little disappointed that in some reports the ABC chose to focus most of its attention on the previous operation at the site – a plant we went to great pains and expense to demolish.

There were also errors with a few important details, and the coverage appears to have created some misunderstandings regarding our project. For instance, comments that QER has been given the 'all clear' to go commercial with our project do not mean that we are automatically proceeding with the next stage of our development.

Nothing new has happened since we talked about the Queensland Government's decision in February to allow QER to progress our project through strict environmental and other regulatory processes, once we make a decision around the timing of any commercial project.

We remain committed to the sustainable development of the Stuart oil shale resource as a source of much-needed transport fuels. Currently QER is looking at a range of options for progressing our project to the commercial production of diesel and aviation fuel, with a decision expected later this year.

The current state of world economic uncertainty and high development costs in Australia present some challenges in delivering a commercially viable project, and once QER has made a decision regarding the scope of any future development we will inform and consult with you in the local community about what we are doing, and how it will be done.



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