

# Fuel for Thought

## Beyond Politics...

If you're like me, you've probably had enough of the party politics that's been all over the news in the last few weeks. Unfortunately, partisan and sometimes bitter politicking can overshadow the tireless work that many local members and councillors do to look after the interests of their local communities: to ensure the level of services; to encourage investment; to make sure that this generation and the next have a good quality of life and good jobs.

For that reason I was heartened when QER hosted a visit from our local representatives from all three levels of Government and both political persuasions last week. They came to our site to meet with QER's international investors who were visiting town.

Ken O'Dowd, Glenn Butcher and Gail Sellers together welcomed our guests back to the region and thanked them for their continuing economic contribution – close to a billion dollars over ten years. We very much appreciated them taking the time out of their busy calendars to be there.

There's no doubt that for long term projects to proceed, they not only need to meet high environmental and social standards, but also have bi-partisan political support. A good starting point is having local representatives actively and positively engaged with potential investors and project proponents.



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Site Superintendent,  
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I'd like to thank Gail, Glenn and Ken for their time, their work for the Gladstone Region, and their active interest in our project. I look forward to a day in the future when we'll be able to get them together again to announce the commencement of QER's first commercial operation, and the many benefits it will bring for Gladstone.



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