

Fuel for Thought

Celebrating A Milestone

This week one of my colleagues at QER, Jim Johnston, marked his 10th anniversary with the company and it got me thinking how far we'd come in that time.

Back in 2005 (it seems crazy that was 10 years ago) we were looking at options for going forward with the project, including a world-wide search for a technology which could meet production, economic and community requirements.

We finally settled on the Paraho technology and began the intensive task of developing engineering specifications, testing the technology at a pilot plant in America, and ensuring we kept the community informed of our plans and activities.

Once we'd completed the technology tests we set about dismantling the old plant which had operated on site, and then spent a couple of years constructing the new Paraho-based plant and associated administrative buildings and other infrastructure.

The technology demonstration plant we built operated very successfully for almost three years, proving the Paraho process could produce high quality transport fuels, and do it in a way that was acceptable to governments and, more importantly, the local community.

A browse through our visitor book will reflect the overwhelmingly positive comments from visitors, and we're very proud of the fact that during our plant's operation we did not receive a single formal complaint.

While our plant is currently in a care and maintenance stage, we are continuing to develop our project, and we'll be looking to finalise our Environmental Impact Statement in coming months to gain environmental approvals for a small-scale commercial Paraho facility.

Jim Johnston has played a strong role in our project's progress and I'd like to congratulate him on reaching the 10-year milestone.

While I'm in congratulations mode I would also like, on behalf of QER, to congratulate our outgoing local State MP Liz Cunningham on her many years of service to the Gladstone region community, and wish her good health and all the best for the future.



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