

# Fuel for Thought

## QER's Next Step will present Local Opportunities



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While things are quietening down for us here in Gladstone as we move our demonstration plant into care and maintenance mode, QER is continuing along our step-by-step path towards a commercial operation.

We've had a number of investor groups visit our plant over the past few months, and like all the visitors we've had to our New Fuels Development Centre they were very complimentary.

As we mentioned in our last column, and you might have heard or seen in the news this week, we've referred the next stage of our Gladstone New Fuels Development project.

The Referral, under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, outlines our plans to develop a commercial diesel facility and provides information to support our position that the project will not have any impacts on areas of national significance.

The EPBC Referral is the first step in gaining environmental approval for the project, and we're confident the work we have undertaken in demonstrating our technology and refining our processes will stand us in good stead to meet the stringent environmental requirements associated with relevant approvals processes.

That work includes development of a best practice system for cleaning process water for reuse, recycling of gas in a fully-contained retort to improve energy efficiency and a demonstrated ability to control noise, dust and odour emissions.

We're excited about the prospects for development of a commercial diesel facility, the first step in an industry which can provide significant benefits for the Gladstone region, and beyond.

Altogether, the \$1B commercial fuels facility will generate around 400 jobs during the construction period, and up to 200 jobs during operations.

QER is developing a program to ensure local providers will have the opportunity to contract for work associated with our planned commercial project. We'll seeking feedback from the community on aspects such as how best to communicate information and streamline contracting processes for small to medium businesses.

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