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Safety and Innovation

Safety and innovation are two important values within QER. A recent great example of how the two can be combined came from our team.

Faced with the challenge of removing casing from old drillholes – a potentially back-breaking and lengthy task – QER's Colin Johnson came up with a clever invention to mechanically pull the casing using an all-terrain vehicle winch. Colin worked closely with Mine Supervisor Jim Johnston to finalise design, installation and operation.

The idea works beautifully, saves time, minimises disturbance of the site and most importantly ensures a safe way to do the work. It goes to show, yet again, that a little clever innovation can be the best way to get a job done faster AND safer.



Bruce Andersen
Site Superintendent,
QER



Col Johnson and his clever drillhole-casing puller.



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