

Urea plant for Collie moves a step closer

A \$3.5 billion urea plant for Collie in the South-West moved a step closer yesterday with the Federal Government giving the nod to its offsite activities after submissions over its environmental impacts.

Perdaman chairman and managing director Vikas Rambal said it was an important milestone for the project, which will be Australia's first gasification plant,

turning Collie coal into fertiliser.

The project is still awaiting approval for its construction site which is under environmental consideration by the Federal Government.

Mr Rambal said the approval highlighted the support for the project at State and Federal levels. The plant is expected to generate annual export earnings of more than \$800 million.