

EPA approves fertiliser plant for Collie

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Perdaman Chemical's planned \$3 billion fertiliser plant in Collie has been given a conditional tick of approval by the Environmental Protection Authority.

However, the decision has cast renewed light on Verve Energy's plan to revive its nearby ageing

Muja coal-fired power plant, with the EPA warning that without a significant upgrade of the 40-year-old power station pollution from all Collie's industries would overwhelm air quality in the region.

Indian magnate Vikas Rambal's company Perdaman is planning to use cutting-edge technology to capture most of its carbon emis-

sions underground, which the EPA says was crucial to its approval.

Corporate director Andreas Walewski said Perdaman welcomed the EPA's recommendations but said the uncertainty over Federal emissions legislation and its coal supplier Griffin's collapse had proved frustrating as it set about funding the project.