

Urea gets Federal support

PERDAMAN Chemicals & Fertilisers' Collie Urea project has moved a step closer to becoming Australia's first gasification plant after gaining Federal Government support this week.

The project was granted Major Project Facilitation by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Development.

MPF is administered with the purpose of facilitating and supporting private sector investment proposals throughout the approvals process and ensures that the Australian Government responds promptly to issues raised.

Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers corporate director Andreas Walewski

said it was another positive step forward for the project.

"Achieving Major Project Facilitation status shows the level of support that both the State Government and Federal Government is willing to provide for the Perdaman Collie Urea project and underlines the significance that this project will have to industry innovation and economic growth," Mr Walewski said.

Upon granting MPF, Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government Anthony Albanese said that it highlighted the Government's efforts to support investment that would position Australia to take full advantage of the global economic recovery.

The Perdaman Collie Urea project

will be Australia's first gasification plant, turning Collie coal into urea, and will deliver considerable benefits to the State's economy with planned capital expenditure of approximately \$3.5 billion and annual export earnings in excess of \$800 million.

Perdaman has developed an Australian Industry Participation Plan to ensure that Australian industry is provided with full, fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in the Project.

One of the main aspects of the AIPP is the use of Project Connect to communicate supply opportunities and facilitate expressions of interest.

Perdaman plans to start construction on the Perdaman Collie Urea project in the last quarter of 2010.