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Response to questions from Gladstone Observer

Quotes attributed to Phil Campbell, Managing Director

- QAL was constructed in the 1960's when Asbestos material was widely used to provide thermal protection in and around process pipes and vessels. This was accepted best practice at the time. All Asbestos at QAL is encapsulated with cladding.
- Since then more information has come to hand which has identified exposure to Asbestos as a potential health hazard.
- QAL has been engaged in Asbestos removal since early 2000 with the objective of ultimately being a friable asbestos free site. To date over \$69 million has been spent on Asbestos removal. All major vessels have been completed and work will now focus on pipe racks.
- QAL has a structured Asbestos management plan which complies with Queensland Workplace Health and Safety regulations. An extensive monitoring program is also in place using NATA approved counters.
- The active removal program has been reduced, however any critical removal and remedial work will still be undertaken.
- Regular airborne fibre monitoring undertaken during removal processes indicates that levels are well below the control limits and therefore poses no health risk to employees and contractors working at QAL.

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