

# Linc back in play

Chinchilla is back in play – bigger and better than ever before - as the site of a plant that will burn coal underground to make thousands of barrels of diesel and jet fuel.

Linc Energy's shares surged 38 per cent on Monday after the company announced it had uncovered an extra 175 million tonnes of coal at its site south east of Chinchilla.

The site may hold 775 mil-

lion tonnes of coal.

The company also announced a Supreme Court dispute with coal seam gas companies QGC and BG Group over shared coal reserves had ended.

Linc chief operating officer Stephen Dumble said the events of the past week had consolidated the company's place in Chinchilla.

"We have always felt there is plenty of room in Queensland for a profitable UCG bu-

usiness as well as a very large CSM business," he said.

Mr Dumble said the South Australian project remained a priority but a commercial plant at Chinchilla was once again a "real option".

"If not our first option, than second," he said.

Dalby Regional mayor Ray Brown said the State Government's policy decision was long overdue

"We knew it would come but there was a bit of horse

trading going on for a while," he said.

"All along we had faith everything would work out.

"Now that it has, it's good news for Chinchilla and district."

Linc will continue to expand its resource position in Chinchilla over the next 24 months, including assessing other coals at further depth.

Linc shares soared 46.6 cents to close at \$1.69 on Monday.