



There's room for all the players

Linc left little doubt it wasn't happy, but it is back with Queensland on its mind.

Linc Energy made it clear it would not wait for the State Government to let UCG out of lockdown when it left for South Australia late last year.

That won't stop the company working with the UCG panel to plead the industry's case though, CEO Peter Bond said in Chinchilla last month.

He said Queensland still held vast potential for the coal-to-liquids aspirant.

"We're not waiting and when the Queensland situation is better defined, we're always here, we can always come back and look at it then," he said.

Linc first appeared around 1999 when test burns were held at the current site, 35km south-west of Chinchilla.

Nine years later it was on



Linc Energy's science is helping UCG gain credibility in the eyes of the State Government.

the eve of a 20,000-a-day coal-to-liquids plant when the standoff between UCG and coal seam gas started.

Mr Bond said the delays caused by the pilot phase had cost Queensland.

"I think they're missing out on a lot — several thousands of jobs and several billions of dollars," he said.

"It's a big impact."

Mr Bond said UCG and

CSG could work as one in Queensland because of the state's vast coal resource.

"I'm confident there's plenty of room for all the players," he said.

"In the cold light of day, several months down the track, the government and most the players will have realised that's the truth — there's still plenty of room for everybody."