



*South Australian Government visits world-first UCG site in Chinchilla*

# Linc key to unlocking SA coal

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Chinchilla hosted a government delegation from South Australia last week eager to see what Linc Energy's world-first technology held for the state's stranded coal.

Minister for Mineral Resources Development Paul Holloway with several of his key advisors toured Linc's research and demonstration plant south-east of Chinchilla on Friday.

Linc hopes to build a commercial GTL plant in South Australia's Arekaringa Basin after similar plans in Queensland were extinguished last year by

the State Government's UCG pilot phase.

Mr Holloway said the technology could be key to unlocking the state's stranded resource, which at the moment supported just a single coal mine.

"And, obviously, Linc is the company leading the technology," he said.

"What they're doing here is a world first and could be ideally suited to the sort of coal resources we have in South Australia."

Linc CEO Peter Bond, on-site for Friday's tour, said the South Australian Government had been supportive of the company's plan since it first

staked its claim in the Arekaringa Basin.

He said the Queensland Government's two-year halt on commercial UCG and Linc's decision to take its plans to South Australia had actually enhanced the company's commercial aspirations.

"If anything, the moratorium has done Linc a favour in the asset its delivered and the relationship it's given us with the South Australian government," he said.

"It's a far better place and a far better resource on which to realise a commercial industry."



South Australian Minister for Mineral Resources Development Paul Holloway (right) thanks Linc Energy CEO Peter Bond for the tour of the Chinchilla pilot project.