



## Media release

### **\$240M investment for Gladstone**

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Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) have announced a \$240M investment in their Gladstone Alumina Refinery over the next five years as part of the 5-Year Environmental Improvement Program.

The funds will be used to improve QAL's environmental performance with a particular focus on air quality, odour, noise, land and water management. The 5-Year Environmental Improvement Plan will focus on major capital upgrades and organisational culture change. There are over 55 projects in the 5-Year Environmental Improvement Plan which have been prioritised according to the highest levels of environmental risk.

QAL General Manager Mike Dunstan said: "QAL is proud to be part of the Gladstone community. We are the largest employer in the region and have been for more than 50 years. We take very seriously our commitment to the environment, our employees and the community to ensure employment for future generations. To enable this we realise we need to continuously improve our environmental performance.

"An investment of this scale from our owners Rio Tinto and Rusal is good news for Gladstone and reinforces the business' commitment to Gladstone. Of this investment we estimate that \$100M will come from the local Gladstone region. This will include the supply of equipment, parts, engineering support and contract labour.

"Our 5-Year Environmental Improvement Plan has been formed following consultation with QAL employees, the community and the Government to ensure we create real change in the way manage our environmental impacts.

"We will be upgrading many areas of the Refinery to ensure our 52-year old business performs to modern day standards. To achieve this we realise we also need to change the way we manage our risks including empowering employees to identify and act on critical controls that prevent an environmental incident from occurring.

"The work in this Plan commenced in 2018 and we've already completed a number of the projects including installing an underground wall at our Residue Disposal Area at Boyne Island."

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For detailed information:

[www.qal.com.au/our-approach/environmental-improvement.aspx](http://www.qal.com.au/our-approach/environmental-improvement.aspx)



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