

now boom towns



'There's no future in the city unless you want a 9 to 5 job, and out here the wages are much better'
Coal driller Erwin Weber

"There will never be another Surat Basin."

His company, Surat Basin Developments, has more than \$100 million of development planned.

"Chinchilla will need to develop between 300 and 400 new housing products each year to keep up with the expected demand, and Miles will need to develop between 100 and 200 a year," he says.

Brenda Collins moved with her husband Malcolm and four daughters to Chinchilla before Christmas from Collinsville in central Queensland, where he worked in the mines.

Now he's at the Kogan Creek power station and they're desperate to get a house. "We've looked at about 10 and we have to move quickly," she says.

Who's planning what



PLANNED OR POSSIBLE PROJECTS:

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| Wandoan Coal mine | Methanol plant |
| Wandoan to Gladstone rail line | Cambey Downs coal mine |
| Underground coal gasification | Zerogen power station |
| Coal seam gas | |

THE PLAYERS

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| BG-Queensland Gas (coal seam gas) | Carbon Energy (methanol) |
| Arrow Energy (coal seam gas) | Xstrata (coal) |
| Santos (coal seam gas) | Metro Coal (coal) |
| Origin (coal seam gas) | GE (power station) |
| Shell (coal seam gas) | Halliburton (services) |
| Linc Energy (underground gasification) | Schlumberger (services) |
| Cougar Energy (underground gasification) | Syntec (coal) |
| | Mitsubishi (power station) |