

City's future is looking good

Housing market set to boom

BG Group's QGC Pty Ltd has announced commitments of more than \$3 billion in contracts this week for its Queensland Curtis LNG Project on Curtis Island, near Gladstone.

QGC will also begin to commit to orders for materials and equipment for gas field development and construction of the collection header pipeline and the main export trunk line.

This main line will transport gas to Gladstone from QGC's coal seam gas acreage in the Surat Basin in southern Queensland.

Premier Anna Bligh said the \$3 billion commitment showed they were positive about the future of the industry.

Gladstone Engineering Alliance (GEA) CEO Karen Porter said it was a positive for Gladstone, but there was still work to be done.

"We still need to be cautious because QGC still haven't reached their financial investment decision and I believe they



Fisherman's Landing, where the tank will be erected for storing liquefied natural gas. Picture: JEN TYBELL Inga080210-4

are still to go through the Environmental Impact Statement," Ms Porter said.

"Even though it's great that they have made this announcement and it's looking good and very positive, there is still a ways to go before the actual project reaches a stage where it's a defi-

nite project. We still have to be cautious about making comments that it is all a go when it's still early days yet."

Ms Porter said GEA was looking forward to working with QGC to help local business build capabilities and embrace the opportunity.