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New Aldoga washdown facility opens to public



Council's Weed Management Liaison Officer Emily Weatherall tests out the new washdown facility.

The Aldoga washdown facility is now open to the public after routine inspections on the \$1.92 million project were completed late last week.

The project was funded by a \$3 million co-contribution from GLNG and APLNG to provide and operate a permanent washdown facility within the Gladstone State Development Area (GSDA).

This requirement was part of the conditions associated with the LNG companies' construction activities.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said \$2 million dollars was allocated in Council's 2015/16 budget for the project located about 25km north-west of Gladstone on Aldoga Drive.

"The washing down of vehicles is an essential tool in managing the spread of weeds," Councillor Burnett said.

Seeds can lodge in crevices of vehicles and machinery to be carried long distances before falling out and establishing in new areas.

Gladstone Region Councillor Desley O'Grady said the two bay facility would accommodate four-wheel drives, sedans and a wide range of trucks.

"The facility has a very efficient on-site water recycling system and will be open 24 hours a day," Cr O'Grady said.

The washdown service will cost \$2 for eight minutes of high pressure water and can be operated by cash or an Avdata key.

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