

## QCoal joins RFDS in welcoming Federal Senators to visit the QCoal Community Dental Service

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As Principal Partner of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section), QCoal Group today welcomed Assistant Health Minister Senator Fiona Nash and Senator Barry O’Sullivan to visit the QCoal Community Dental Service in Winton.

Speaking at the visit, QCoal welcomed the interest from both Senators in seeing first-hand the operations of the Dental Service and its significant contribution to rural and remote Queensland.

“QCoal Group has worked in Queensland’s rural and remote regions for many years and our team have always had a great appreciation for the work the RFDS does, and the level of care that they provide,” Managing Director Christopher Wallin said.

“As a proudly Queensland company, QCoal Group is honoured to be a Principal Sponsor of the RFDS (Queensland Section) and also a proud partner in the QCoal Community Dental Service – through the QCoal Foundation,” he said.

Established in 2013, the QCoal Community Dental Service is supported by QCoal Group and the QCoal Foundation, and is delivered by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The QCoal Community Dental Service provides high quality oral health care to communities across regional Queensland with no out-of-pocket cost to patients.

The partnership combines the medical expertise of the RFDS with an innovative method for delivering the service so that even the most remote corners of Queensland can access state-of-the-art health care technology.

Mr Wallin said that the passionate RFDS team were a significant factor in the service’s success.

“The QCoal Community Dental Service has exceeded our expectations and has treated over 5000 patients and provided over \$2 million worth of free dental care to communities across rural and remote Queensland.

“I know from the cards and letters of thanks we receive, as well as talking to employees and their families that having regular, reliable access to dental care is a major concern for them and the service is providing exactly that to the communities it visits,” Mr Wallin said.

In 2010 QCoal Group was inducted into the Royal Flying Doctor’s Hall of Fame in Longreach.

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**QCoal Group**

QCoal Group is an independent Queensland-based company that has been active in coal exploration, discovery and development since 1989.

QCoal Group has maintained its position as the most successful coal explorer in Queensland through the discovery of numerous world-class coal deposits throughout Queensland's Bowen Basin.

QCoal Group's development pipeline is focussed on developing these deposits into world-class coal assets to reliably supply our global customers with high quality coking and thermal coal products.

In 2014 QCoal's ongoing commitment to the industry was celebrated when the company was awarded Queensland Miner of the Year Award.

QCoal Group's existing operations include the Sonoma, Drake and Cows mines which are located south of the town of Collinsville, Queensland.

In addition to coal exploration and mining QCoal is proud to be principal sponsors of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

For information about the QCoal Foundation visit [www.qcoal.com.au](http://www.qcoal.com.au)

**QCoal Foundation**

QCoal Foundation has been established to deliver community-focused outcomes to improve the lives of people who live and work in rural and remote Queensland. The Foundation is focused on three broad support areas of Health, Liveability and Education.

QCoal Foundation's key partnership is with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), which is delivering the QCoal Community Dental Service. The service operates with a five-person dental team from an 18-wheel semi-trailer and includes two clinics, a sterilisation area, a reception desk, kitchenette, and the latest panoramic x-ray equipment.

As it evolves, QCoal Foundation will seek further opportunities to contribute to building sustainable regional communities by investing in new community-led initiatives targeting health, liveability and education.

For information about the QCoal Foundation visit [www.qcoalfoundation.org](http://www.qcoalfoundation.org)

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