



Stern report action earns praise

Plant cuts emissions

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CEMENT Australia has agreed with the core message of the Stern review into climate change.

CEO Chris Leon said it was important that action is taken immediately.

"We agree with the findings of the Stern report, particularly that a technology shift is required in the production and development of alternative fuels," he said.

The Stern report warned the world faces catastrophic climate change unless urgent action is taken to tackle global warming.

The report had been commis-

sioned by the British Government and its primary recommendation called for the establishment of a global market to trade carbon emissions.

Mr Leon agreed with the concept of a global carbon scheme.

"At Cement Australia we are working hard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the cement industry," he said.

"Locally our Gladstone operations have been a significant contributor to the implementation of new technologies and process improvements that have seen an overall reduction in greenhouse gases industry wide of 25 per

cent per tonne since 1990."

Cement Australia's subsidiary Geocycle firmly agrees that early action is absolutely necessary to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Manager Michael Schwarer said there was no question that policies are required to support the development of a range of low-carbon and high-efficiency technologies on an urgent scale.

"However our greatest hurdle to expand the use of alternative fuels and materials is government bureaucracy," Mr Schwarer said.



Cement Australia's plant at Fishermans Landing is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. qcl310105-1