

News Statement



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CHARGES LAID AGAINST QUIN INVESTMENTS

A complaint and summons has been issued against Quin Investments over the fatal explosion at its munitions factory at Beetaloo Valley, near Gladstone, two years ago.

SafeWork SA today lodged the complaint with the Magistrates Court – Industrial Offences Jurisdiction, and informed Quin Investments along with the family members of the three men killed in the blast, and the two workers who were injured at the time.

Charges have also been laid against the company's responsible officer, Mr. Nik Kuzub.

The court document cites five counts relating to Section 19(1) of the *Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Act 1986* and one count in relation to the Responsible Officer (Section 61(3)).

It is alleged that Quin Investments failed to provide and maintain a safe working environment and failed to provide and maintain its plant (machinery) in a safe condition.

If convictions are recorded, the maximum penalty for each of these offences is \$100,000, as the incident occurred before the increased penalties came into effect this year.

The first hearing on these charges is likely to be listed for June.

As this matter is now before the court, the Government is unable to make further detailed comment.