



## AgForce to give producers CSG negotiation tips

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Are you a landholder concerned about the expansion of the CSG industry in the Surat Basin and want to take steps to safeguard your business?

Local landholders will have the chance to access independent information about their rights and responsibilities and how to negotiate a fair conduct and compensation agreement when AgForce Projects delivers free CSG information sessions in Brookstead, Cecil Plains and Tiaro on Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February.

Last year AgForce Projects CSG information sessions assisted more than 1300 landholders across Queensland, with tips on how to exercise their rights when dealing with resource companies to minimise the impacts of CSG activity on their property.

AgForce Projects CSG project manager Kate Dunn said the sessions help to prepare landholders with the right information and resources should a CSG company come knocking on their door.

“Legislation surrounding the CSG industry and the landholders’ rights can be quite complex, so we are here to provide landholders with the information they need to best deal with a resource company,” Ms Dunn said.

“AgForce Projects brings landholders the independent information and assistance they so desperately need to help mitigate any potential impacts on their properties and businesses.”

Ms Dunn said it is important landholders understand the negotiation process and the importance of seeking professional legal advice.

Toowoomba-based Legal Aid solicitor Glen Martin, who specialises in CSG negotiations, will be on hand to provide an overview of Land Access issues and answer legal questions.

“Glen Martin is dedicated to assisting landholders affected by CSG and will emphasise the importance of negotiating an effective Conduct and Compensation Agreement in order to put in place some checks and balances so that the impacts of CSG activities on a property are minimal,” Ms Dunn said.

“Landholders have the right to tailor an agreement that best suits their individual property needs and considers all impacts to their business and lifestyle - and landholders should all be exercising this right.”

**Dates and times:** *Brookstead* – Tuesday 31 January, 9am-1pm; *Cecil Plains* – Tuesday 31 January, 3.30-7.30pm and *Tiaro* – Wednesday 1 February, 3.30pm-7.30pm. To register visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) and complete a registration form or call 07 3238 6048.

These information sessions are delivered free to all producers with the financial support of the Queensland Government.

Free CSG information sessions will also be held in Mundubbera on 14 February, Roma 6 March, Mitchell 7 March, Injune 7 March and Wallumbilla 8 March. Free property computer mapping workshops will be held in Dulacca 14 February, Condamine 15 February and Chinchilla 16 February.

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