



Mapping helps protect farmland from CSG impacts

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As CSG activity increases in South East Queensland, AgForce is urging landholders to help protect their prime agricultural land by arming themselves with a detailed property map and plan.

AgForce CSG project manager Kate Dunn said computer mapping technology can help landholders manage the potential impacts of mining activity on their farming operations.

“Having a comprehensive computer map of your property will put you in a better position if faced with the prospect of mining and resource development impacting on your business,” Ms Dunn said.

“If you can go into negotiations with a CSG company with a map of your property which identifies your farm infrastructure, productive areas or even future developments you can use this to negotiate where a CSG company can and can’t conduct mining activity and even use it to negotiate a more fair compensation arrangement.”

AgForce will deliver free property computer mapping workshops designed to help landholders prepare for CSG negotiations in Jandowae, Warwick and Toowoomba from 3-5 April.

Ms Dunn said landholders who are not affected by CSG activity but want to improve property management and productivity should also come along to find out how this technology can make property planning easy.

“Computer mapping is also a great tool for financial and production improvements as well as meeting environmental obligations, legislative requirements, grant applications or for industry best practice.”

All attendees will receive their property’s latest digital data including Spot5 and 11 years of Landsat satellite images ranging from 1988 to 2010.

These workshops are delivered free by AgForce Projects, through funding from the Queensland Government, or they can be completed through farm software company AGDATA’s Australian Government FarmReady program, whereby landholders receive Phoenix mapping software as part of the course materials.

Producers can apply for AGDATA’s Farm Planning & Management – Module 3 for an up-front payment of \$900 and approved applicants may be reimbursed 65 per cent of the course cost. To find out if you are eligible to attend through FarmReady visit www.farmready.gov.au

Workshop dates and times: Jandowae – Tuesday 3 April, 8.45am-4pm, Warwick – Wednesday 4 April, 8.45am-4pm, Toowoomba – Thursday 5 April, 8.45am-4pm. To register for a workshop please visit www.agforceprojects.org.au 10 days prior to the event or call 3238 6048.

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