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Regional planning, mining and CSG in focus at free AgForce Projects workshops

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AgForce Projects is heading to Central Queensland in March to deliver free workshops, aimed at informing landholders on the Regional Planning Interests (RPI) Act, mining and coal seam gas (CSG).

The workshops - to be held in Emerald, Middlemount and Moura - will each have a different focus.

CSG Project Leader Daniel Phipps said holding three different workshops in the same region was a great opportunity for landholders to attend an event that suits their specific needs or interests.

"Knowledge is power, and when producers are equipped with the right information and tools, the more confident they will feel negotiating with the resource companies. These workshops are about providing that knowledge," Mr Phipps said.

The Emerald CSG, Mining and Regional Planning Information Session will provide attendees with an overview of the RPI Act, which places more emphasis on negotiating with landholders when assessing new resource projects proposed to occur on these priority agricultural areas.

"If you would like to understand whether your property is affected and what protections you and your business may now have, then this is the workshop for you," Mr Phipps said.

Mr Phipps said the Middlemount CSG and Mining Information Session was the perfect workshop for landholders wanting to know about their rights and responsibilities as well as providing specifics on the negotiation process.

"This information session will provide an overview on the industry as well as discuss what landholder rights are and how they can get the best outcome for their property in negotiations."

The Moura Advanced CSG and Mining Negotiation Support Workshop is part of a new 'advanced' phase of workshops launched by the AgForce Projects CSG team this year.

Daniel said the new workshops are designed for landholders who are negotiating, have negotiated or are renegotiating a Conduct and Compensation Agreement (CCA) or a Make Good agreement with a resource company.

"This new series is about landholders sharing experiences, triumphs and tribulations with each other, as well as being updated on developments in the industry," Mr Phipps said.

Landholders are encouraged to attend the workshops and remain informed on legislative and industry changes.

The events details are:

- Emerald CSG, mining and regional planning information session – Tuesday 3 March, 9am to 1pm
- Middlemount CSG and mining information session – Wednesday 4 March, 9am to 1pm
- Moura Advanced CSG and mining negotiation support workshop – Thursday 5 March, 9am to 1pm

Producers that are interested in attending any AgForce Projects events should visit www.agforceprojects.org.au to register.

These workshops are delivered with the support of the Queensland Government, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, Queensland Resources Council and the GasFields Commission Queensland.

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