



AgForce Projects

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714 producers attend AgForce's CSG sessions since March

A second Landholder Coal Seam Gas Information Session was held in Dulacca last week, the 20th session to be delivered across the Surat Basin since AgForce's project began on 29 March this year.

So far a total of 714 producers have received free quality, independent information on current and proposed CSG activities in the Surat Basin and how to best negotiate equitable conduct and compensation agreements with gas companies.

The information sessions have been delivered through AgForward, an initiative of AgForce within its project division, funded by the State Government. The project in no way changes AgForce's continued call for a moratorium on the CSG industry until comprehensive planning and research into its collective impact on the environment are conducted. Further free CSG information sessions are being held next month at Miles, Warra, Dalby and Toowoomba from 9-12 August and Warwick, Inglewood and Talwood 6-8 September.

AgForward is also delivering property computer mapping workshops in the region to upskill landholders in how to use satellite imagery to monitor property impacts resulting from CSG activities and determine its effect on property management.

"Producers in the Surat Basin have realised how crucial a tool property mapping is and all our workshops to date have been quite full," AgForward GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said.

"Satellite imagery records on-ground impacts and inbuilt tools in mapping software accurately measures impacts from CSG activities. A quality property map then plays an important role in negotiations as well because it effectively communicates an enterprise's business plan, property assets and condition of natural resources.

"For the first time since November last year we are delivering mapping workshops in conjunction with AGDATA's FarmReady approved Farm Planning & Management – Module 3 workshop whereby producers receive Phoenix Mapping software as part of the course materials. An up-front payment of \$900 is required and FarmReady will reimburse 65 per cent of this cost (\$585) to approved participants."

Upcoming property mapping workshops are being held at Injune, Roma and Miles from 23-25 August and Moonie, Dalby and Toowoomba 30 August-1 September. Producers who already have property mapping software can come along for free and upskill. Registrations are required 10 days prior to an event by calling (07) 3238 6048 or downloading a form from www.agforward.org.au/calendar

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