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AgForce Projects CSG Project marks fifth year providing support to landholders

AGFORCE Projects has announced that its Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Project will continue into 2016, marking its fifth year of delivery following a successful year providing assistance to landholders across the state.

The CSG Project provided support to over 1,000 landholders in the last twelve months, through workshops, field days, information sessions and one-on-one assistance.

AgForce Chief Executive Officer Charles Burke said the strong attendance rate was proof the project was still needed and it was important for landholders to access this free service while it was available.

“Landholders are still turning up in droves to our workshops and field days – proof that the CSG Project is still very much needed and valued.”

“We are encouraging landholders to access this free and independent service while they can, and make sure they understand their rights and responsibilities surrounding coal seam gas and mining.”

Mr Burke acknowledged and congratulated all partners on their decision to continue such an important and necessary service for landholders.

“It’s great to see the partners - Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA), the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and GasFields Commission Queensland – continuing to fund something that is crucial for landholders to get the best out of negotiations with resource companies.”

CSG Project Leader Daniel Phipps said the project was crucial to help maintain the balance between producers and resource companies.

“Landholders are often under the impression that since resource companies are completing the construction phase and moving into the production phase of operations and that they no longer need to remain informed about the industry.”

“With the number of wells in the Surat Basin expected to reach between 18,000 to 40,000 over the life of the industry and currently approximately 5,500 production wells drilled so far, we encourage landholders to remain aware of their rights and responsibilities.”

“CSG is an important issue for landholders and will continue to be into the future. We want to make sure landholders are as informed as possible, in order to protect their properties, their businesses and their livelihoods.”

The AgForce Projects CSG Team have the following upcoming events:

- Dulacca Advanced CSG Negotiation Support workshop – Tuesday 25 August, 9am to 1pm
- Injune Advanced CSG Negotiation Support and Property Computer Mapping workshop – Thursday 27 August, 9am to 3pm



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The CSG Project will continue to deliver information sessions and workshops as well as hosting biosecurity and groundwater field days to ensure landholders are as informed as possible.

Following the introduction of the Land Access Framework in 2010, the CSG Project was implemented to alleviate confusion surrounding landholder rights and responsibilities when negotiating with CSG companies.

Since its inception in 2011, more than 4,500 landholders have accessed the project across the Surat, Galilee and Bowen Basins.

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

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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