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Webinar to help landholders understand new UWIR report

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AgForce Projects will deliver a free webinar to help landholders understand the 2016 Surat Basin Underground Water Impact Report (UWIR), released by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment (OGIA) in March this year.

The webinar '*Underground Water Impact Report: What does it mean for you?*' will be held on Wednesday 27 April from 1.00pm to 2.00pm.

The UWIR report is the next iteration of the first groundwater model released in 2012 and predicts the immediate and long term impacts of the CSG industry on aquifers and water users across the Surat Basin Cumulative Management Area (CMA).

Project Leader Daniel Phipps said it was important for landholders and communities in the Surat Basin CMA to understand the reports predictions and what it means for them.

"Landholders need to know whether their bores are predicted to be in the Immediately Affected Area (IAA) or the Long Term Affected Area (LTAA) and to understand the Make Good framework that follows," Mr Phipps said.

"It's also important for landholders to understand the groundwater monitoring process which has been developed as a result of the UWIR report."

Mr Phipps encourages landholders to consider getting their bores registered, to ensure they are included in future reports, noting the UWIR is updated every three years.

"The UWIR only covers registered bores in the Surat Basin CMA. If your bore is unregistered it will not be included in the UWIR predictions. This means for a Make Good agreement to be triggered for an unregistered bore, either proactive monitoring by the landholder or the company needs to identify a change or impact on the bore and that impact must be proven to be a result of CSG activities."

During the webinar CSG Project Leader Daniel Phipps will discuss the modelling process and help landholders gain an understanding of the predicted impacts and what this may mean for you.

Landholders that are unable to attend the webinar are encouraged to register anyway, as the session will be recorded and provided electronically to all registrants along with other supporting materials.

For more information or to register visit www.agforceprojects.org.au

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