

## CSG and carbon on menu at AgForce Projects field days

Coal seam gas (CSG), carbon tax and other key rural issues affecting Central West Queensland will be addressed at free AgForce Projects field days in Blackall on 15 June and Winton on 16 June.

AgForce North West regional manager Tahna Jackson said landholders in the region should make the most of the opportunity to have their concerns and questions on key regional issues answered.

“Landholders need to be prepared to tackle current issues affecting their properties and this field day will address a number of these including how to mitigate the risks to groundwater from CSG activities and securing a fair conduct and compensation agreement.”

Key speakers include AgForce policy director Drew Wagner discussing AgForce's current position on CSG, a carbon tax and other land management issues and AgForce Projects CSG project manager Kate Dunn outlining landholders' rights and responsibilities with CSG activities and how to secure a fair conduct and compensation agreement.

Ms Dunn will outline landholders' rights and obligations under current CSG legislation as well as provide landholders with the tools and resources to help mitigate risks from CSG activity including information about minimum compensation standards, access agreements and baseline data collection for bores.

While AgForce continues to call for a moratorium on the CSG industry until comprehensive research into its collective impact on the environment is conducted, Kate said that as gas company tenures expand throughout Queensland landholders need to be aware of their rights and obligations.

“There is potential for the CSG industry to have massive impacts, both short and long term, so landholders need to be armed with the tools and resources to prepare themselves for any future negotiations with resource companies,” Kate said.

“Landholders need to know that they can put in place some checks and balances so that the impacts on their business are minimal.”

Other key issues to be addressed include the Federal Government's Carbon Farming Initiative and Queensland Government's Delbessie Agreement.

The sessions are delivered free to all landholders through AgForward, an initiative of AgForce within its project division, funded by the State Government and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

To attend, please register 5 days prior to the event by contacting Paddy Roe on (07) 3238 6048 or email [roep@agforward.org.au](mailto:roep@agforward.org.au).

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