



AgForce Projects

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Mapping technology to help producers manage CSG/mining risks

Your humble home computer could prove to be the most effective tool to prepare for CSG negotiations.

A series of workshops run by AgForce projects will show Northern Queensland landholders how to use property computer mapping technology to help manage the potential impacts of mining activity on their farming operations.

The free property computer mapping/AgForce information sessions are open to all producers and will be held in Charters Towers, Hughenden, Richmond and Julia Creek from 18-21 October and Normanton and Burketown on 24 and 25 October.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said the sessions will cover mapping principles as well as key rural issues including CSG and leasehold rent renewals.

“A comprehensive property map is vital for producers, particularly those impacted by the rapidly expanding resource sector in Queensland,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“As CSG and other mining activities encroach on farming land, it is important landholders have a property map on hand to demonstrate how CSG or other mining activities will impact on their current and future property plans.

“Property maps that identify infrastructure, business activities, natural resources, sensitive areas and future developments can assist landholders to readily identify impacts to their operations when provided with information relating to CSG activities.

Mr Brinsmead said the sessions will also cover AgForce’s position on coal seam gas (CSG), vital information about landholders’ rights and responsibilities with CSG activities and tips on how to keep quality environmental baseline records and record on-property impacts.

All producers will receive their property’s latest digital data and satellite imagery, be shown how that can be uploaded into computer mapping software and how to add property features like dams, farm sheds and other infrastructure.

AgForce Projects has partnered with farm software company AGDATA to deliver the workshops through the Australian Government FarmReady program.

Mr Brinsmead said landholders who are approved to complete the workshop through AGDATA’s FarmReady approved Farm Planning & Management – Module 3 will also receive Phoenix Mapping software part of the course materials. An up-front payment of \$900 is required, however approved participants may be reimbursed 65 per cent of the course cost. To find out if you are eligible to attend through FarmReady visit www.farmready.gov.au

To attend a workshop, please register 10 days prior to the event by contacting Paddy Roe on (07) 3238 6048 or visit www.agforceprojects.org.au

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