



Media Release

CSG Groundwater workshops to keep information flowing to landholders

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AgForce Projects is teaming up with the Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. (FBA) and Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association Inc. (DCCA) to keep information flowing to landholders with Groundwater and Advanced Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Negotiation Workshops in March.

The workshops will be held in Taroom on Tuesday 1 March and Injune on Wednesday 2 March 2016.

The Groundwater and Advanced Coal Seam Gas Negotiation workshops will help attendees understand how groundwater works and provide the support they require to obtain the best possible outcome for their property and business.

CSG Project Leader Daniel Phipps said the workshops are an important opportunity for landholders to receive free negotiation support but also access information on groundwater – one of the key areas of concern for landholders dealing with CSG.

“In a survey our project team conducted of landholders affected by CSG in November 2015, 74% of survey respondents were very concerned about the impact CSG activities may have on their own bore and 78% were very concerned about the cumulative impacts the activities may have on the regions groundwater supply.”

“After running Advanced CSG Negotiation Support workshops throughout 2015 we saw great interest from landholders who are dealing with resource companies in understanding more about groundwater. This joint workshop with FBA is a great opportunity for those landholders to come along and speak to us about CSG concerns but also learn more about groundwater from 4T Consultants.”

4T Consultants are a natural resource management consultancy based in Emerald. The company will help landholders understand how they can monitor their own groundwater levels, understand local geology and recognise groundwater trends on their property. Participants will also have access to a central water level metre to measure their own bores or get guidance to install leased or low-cost equipment for monitoring of water levels.

Mr Phipps said he will also discuss developments in the region as well as provide tips and templates to help landholders during negotiations.

The CSG team will head to Wandoan on Thursday 3 March to hold a full Advanced CSG Negotiation Support Workshop for landholders needing more negotiation assistance. With two new CSG projects having received approval in 2015 for development in the area it is critical that landholders receive up to date information about CSG negotiations and potential groundwater impacts for the region.

The workshops will be held in:

- Taroom Groundwater and Advanced CSG Negotiation workshop – Tuesday 1 March, 9am to 4pm
- Injune Groundwater and Advanced CSG Negotiation workshop – Wednesday 2 March, 9am to 4pm
- Wandoan Advanced CSG Negotiation Support workshop – Thursday 3 March, 9am to 1pm

Producers that are interested in attending the joint Groundwater and Advanced CSG Negotiation workshops should contact Andrea Beard on (07) 4627 3859. Landholders looking to register for the Wandoan Advanced Negotiation Support Workshop can register at 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. The Groundwater workshops are delivered in conjunction with the Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. – through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme – Sustainable Agriculture.

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