



## AgForce warns Galilee landholders to get CSG ready

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AgForce is urging landholders to take steps to prepare for the expansion of coal seam gas (CSG) and mining in the Galilee basin following the announcement of further resource development in the region.

With CSG companies ramping up exploration and the proposed development of new rail corridors, AgForce Projects CSG officer Kate Dunn said rural property owners need to ensure they are prepared if a CSG company comes knocking on their door.

Ms Dunn said a series of free information sessions in Winton, Isisford, Aramac and Muttaborra from 25-28 June will give landholders the information they need about mining activity in the Galilee basin.

These information sessions are delivered free to all producers with the financial support of the Queensland Government.

“Rapid development like this has the potential to affect rural property owners and it is important landholders are aware of their legal rights and responsibilities in the event that a resource company approaches them with a Notice of Entry,” Ms Dunn said.

Ms Dunn said while the majority of CSG activity has been occurring further south in the Bowen and Surat Basins, landholders need to be aware of the growth of CSG interest in the area.

“Activity in the Galilee Basin has increased in the past 12 months, with one company recently announcing plans to triple the number of wells across their tenures this year,” she said.

“There are approximately 10 companies with tenures in the Galilee Basin, which extends from south of Alpha, West to Middleton and across to Pentland, encompassing the major rural centres of Winton and Longreach.

“The target exploration areas include the Aramac coal measures and Betts Creek beds where companies are conducting exploration activities including core sampling, logging wells and comprehensive seismic surveys.”

Ms Dunn said under changes to land access laws introduced in 2010, landholders now have more rights when dealing with a CSG company but they need to get the right information in order to negotiate a fair agreement.

“We want landholders to have access to the information they need about seeking legal advice and negotiating specific conduct provisions to better protect their farming interests.”

**Dates and times:** Winton-25 June, 1-4pm, Isisford- 26 June, 1-4pm, Aramac- Wednesday 27 June, 8.30am-12.30pm, Muttaborra- 28 June, 10am-1pm.

To register visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) and complete a registration form or call 07 3238 6048.

**Photo Caption:** CSG project officer Kate Dunn helps landholder Jo Whip identify CSG tenures around Morven.

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