



## 18 November 2011

### **Opportunity to meet with LNP Members**

The Liberal National Party (LNP) is seeking to meet with landowners and community members to discuss its latest CSG policy released today. Member for Warrego, Howard Hobbs, Member for Condamine, Ray Hopper, and Member for Gregory, Vaughan Johnson will be in Dalby on Tuesday 22 November to outline the party's new CSG policy.

BSA encourages all interested BSA members, landowners and community members to attend. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12 noon** at the BMO Business Centre, 178 Drayton Street, Dalby (access via Hogan Street).

### **Pipeline depths issue**

BSA reminds landholders and their solicitors to ensure that they consider the matter of pipeline depths when negotiating with companies, so that depth does not hinder the current or future farming operations. BSA sent a letter to companies about this matter ([view the letter here](#)) and received responses from QGC and Santos. ([Click here to view the responses](#))

### **NWC – touring farms**

The National Water Commission recently undertook a fact finding mission – meeting with landholders concerned about the impacts from coal seam gas exploration and extraction in the Western Downs/Surat Basin region. The tour was hosted by BSA, Agforce and Central Downs Irrigators. To find out more about NWC's policy statement on coal seam gas, [click here](#).

### **Core viewing at Chinchilla**

Origin, QGC and Santos together hosted a display of a core sample of the underground rock formations that form the Surat Basin. The viewing recently held at Chinchilla and Roma gave the public the opportunity to see first hand the underground structure of the Surat Basin. The 1.5km, 12 tonne sample displayed different aquifers, aquatards (impervious layers) coal seams, possible re-injection sites and

aquifer separation layers.

### **Court case in December**

A court case of some significance to landowners will be held in Dalby on the 7th and 8th of December – the case: Crown versus Peter Drew Hutton should involve an interpretation of a Landowners right to refuse access to companies where they feel they have a reasonable excuse to do so. Section 805 of the Petroleum and Gas Act makes it an offence for a landowner to obstruct or hinder a company undertaking it's activities save where the Landowner has a "reasonable excuse". Specifically the case will look at whether the defendant had a reasonable excuse to obstruct the activities of the CSG Company in the particular circumstances of the case. Regardless of those involved in the court case this could set a precedent for landowners and the industry generally. If you would like to attend the court, it is a public hearing.

### **Queensland Murray-Darling Mining and Energy Policy**

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc is inviting BSA members to provide comment/feedback on its revised Final Draft Mining and Energy Policy ([view the policy](#)). You can send your thoughts directly to QMDB, [projectsupport@qmdc.org.au](mailto:projectsupport@qmdc.org.au) or you are welcome to send your feedback to BSA Committee member David Hamilton, [w.davidh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:w.davidh@bigpond.net.au) and we will collate all the responses on behalf of all members.

### **Out and about**

Last Monday BSA Chair, Ian Hayllor presented on behalf of BSA to the Murray Darling Association in Narrabri and just a couple of weeks earlier, Ian also visited the Hunter Valley as part of the National Farmers Federation Mining and Coal Seam Gas Taskforce, touring the region to see first hand impacts of coal mining and CSG.

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