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What issues concern you?

BSA members are encouraged to complete this online survey to help us better understand your concerns and needs. Please take a moment to have your say; <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bsafe>

BSA representatives on Triple J

BSA members Katie Lloyd and Ruth Armstrong were interviewed for a segment on the impacts of coal seam gas for a national radio program last week. View and/or listen to ABC Radio's Triple J Hack program from Thursday 25th August [here](#)>

Also an interesting article on CSG issues can be found in the Sydney Morning Herald Good weekend magazine. View the article [here](#)>

Loss of value and compensation concerns raised by Senate Inquiry

BSA has affirmed that there can be no blanket formula to issues relating to loss of property value and compensation. In its

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Concerns about pipeline depths

After hearing on the grapevine that a pipeline contractor was seeking information on the weight of agricultural machinery to assess impacts on pipelines buried at 600mm deep, BSA wrote to all the major CSG companies for a guarantee pipeline plans will not result in farmers being banned from operating certain machinery on their own land. Read BSA's letter to CSG companies [here](#).

To date, Santos is the only company that has responded, view their response [here](#).

BSA addresses industry conferences

In August, BSA Vice Chair Anne Bridle was invited to speak at a Consult Australia (Qld) Coal Seam Gas breakfast to outline concerns about the security of water and the impact of CSG on farming. Read Anne Bridle's address [here](#).

During the same week, Chair Ian Hayllor presented at the 3rd Annual CSG water forum in Brisbane on landholders' concerns with the management of groundwater, land and agricultural impacts and access and compensation.

Other meetings BSA representatives attended in August include Surat Basin Landholder Sub Group in Chinchilla, a meeting with Government, APPEA and CSG companies in Brisbane and a meeting with NSW MPs to discuss CSG issues.

response to the senate inquiry question on notice, BSA stated that in terms of market value it is hard to state what impact CSG is having because rural properties generally across the board have been slow to sell for some time. View BSA's full response to the senate inquiry [here](#)>

GISERA to address BSA Committee

Next BSA committee meeting is to be held on Wed 7th September. The committee will be hearing a presentation from the newly formed Gas Industry Social & Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) about their plans to undertake scientific research to better understand the social and environmental challenges and opportunities of Australia's natural gas industry. Go to [GISERA website](#).

If you have any matters you would like raised at the committee meeting please contact Secretary Katie Lloyd, lloydpastoralco@bigpond.com

Have your say on access and compensation matters

BSA together with AgForce, Queensland Farmers Federation and the Surat Basin CSG Landholder Group is gathering information from landholders to help guide policy discussions and improve current CSG negotiation processes. Your input is vital to ensure our voice is heard. Please complete this quick online survey on access and compensation matters [here](#).

Membership renewals in the mail

This week BSA will be sending out our membership renewals for the 2011-12 year. Through BSA we have made some in-roads but we continue to be alarmed by the gaps that exist, including lack of scientific knowledge on ground water, land and agricultural production impacts, and little real understanding of the social and economic impacts on land holders and rural communities. We urge you to continue to support BSA to help us to identify and support areas that need more research and fight for regulatory change and industry practices that safeguard our farmlands for future food and fibre production and protect our water resources for future generations.

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