

# Farming Sustainably with Coal Seam Gas

## Property Management Extension Service

**Setting economic benchmarks for mixed farming success in the Surat Basin**

### About the Service

The Queensland Government's objective is for primary producers and coal seam gas (CSG) industries to mutually and beneficially co-exist in the Surat Basin. Both agriculture and coal seam gas (CSG) development are important drivers to the Queensland economy.

DEEDI's new free Property Management Extension Service supports sustainable mixed farming industries in the region, by providing economic indicators, combining current and future on-farm development and the impact of any proposed CSG development.

Project officers work with farmers, advisors and industry with business development planning - integrating biophysical benchmarks with critical peak performance economic indicators.

The free service assists producers to:

- Develop business plans that include strategies to deal with the impacts of CSG on their enterprises.
- Assess the feasibility of alternative management practices and strategies on their properties.
- Adapt their businesses to accommodate CSG operations in a way that maintains or improves productivity and profitability.

The program will also work with CSG industry personnel to help them identify the impact of their activities on mixed farming systems in the Surat Basin and to modify their practices to minimise adverse impacts.



### How we can help?

The Property Management Extension Service will assist landholders to develop property management plans that assess current and future infrastructure and measure the impact of any proposed CSG development on their businesses.

This service will utilize the new Mixed Farming System Best Management Practices (BMP) which includes aspects related to both grain production and grazing. BMP is designed to help strengthen decision-making ability and to secure farming long-term viability and sustainability.

### For more information

For more information or to express your interest in holding a business planning session in a town/on-farm, please call:

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