



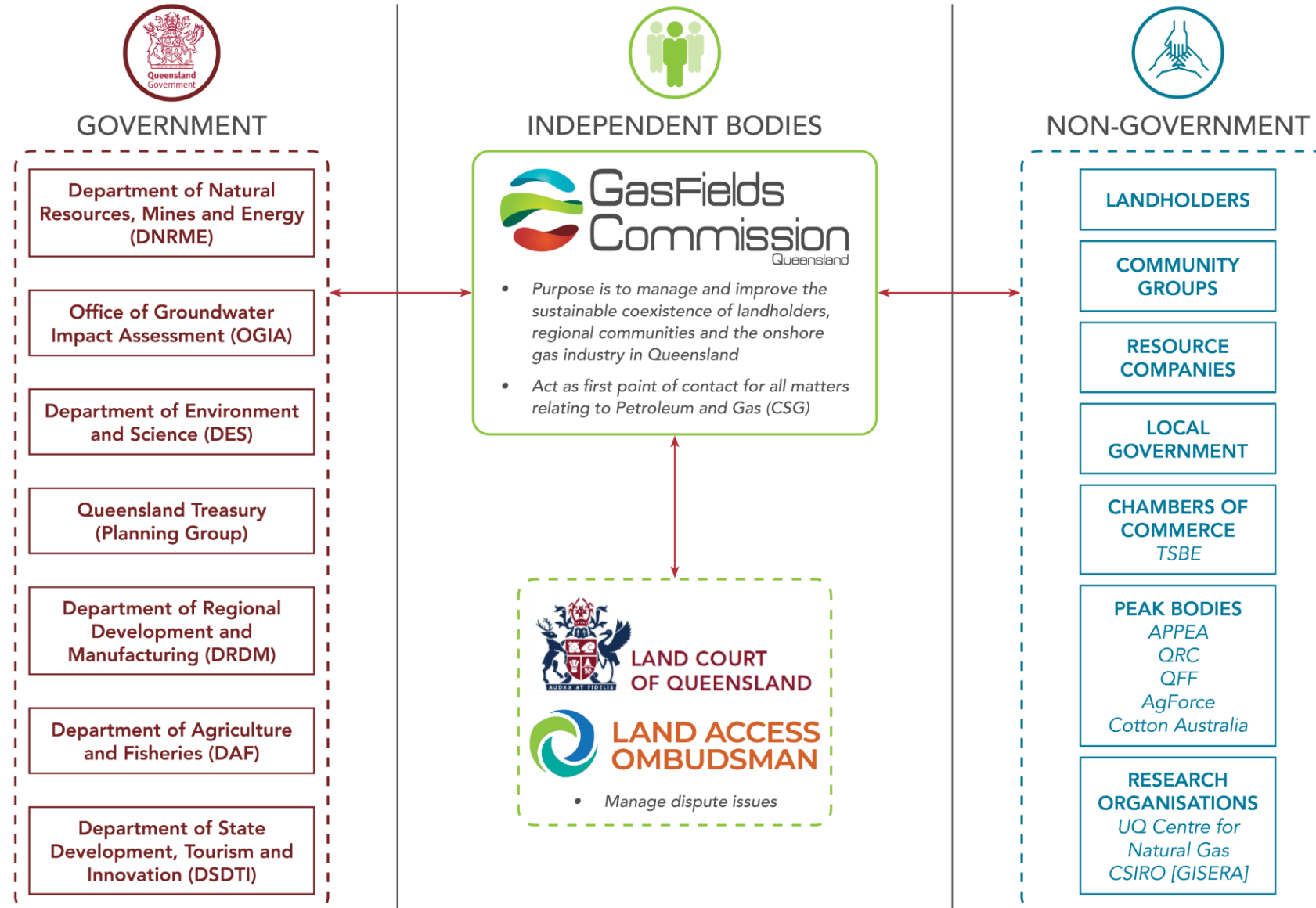
GasFields Commission Queensland
AgForce Afternoon Session – 13 July 2020

OUR PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- The GasFields Commission Queensland (the Commission or GFCQ) is an independent statutory body established under the [GasFields Commission Act 2013](#)
- Our purpose is to **manage and improve** the **sustainable coexistence** of **landholders, regional communities** and the **onshore gas industry** in Queensland
- We provide a broad range of education, information and engagement support to our stakeholders, which can be broadly summarised as:
 - **FACILITATE** effective stakeholder relationships, collaborations and partnerships to support education and information sharing related to the onshore gas industry
 - **REVIEW** effectiveness of implementation of regulatory frameworks related to the onshore gas industry
 - **ADVISE** agriculture and gas industry peak bodies, government ministers and regulators, and landholders and community groups on matters relating to sustainable coexistence, leading practice and management of the onshore gas industry.

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

GASFIELDS COMMISSION QUEENSLAND – OUR STAKEHOLDERS



GFCQ SUPPORTS LANDHOLDERS AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES VIA:



Online Communications (website / social media)

- GFCQ stores all publications, factsheets and templates on our [website](#) – **NB:** the existing website is **currently being rebuilt** to improve its accessibility and useability for landholders
- GFCQ Social media channels are utilised to inform stakeholders of relevant news and upcoming events – **we encourage you to follow us online** (links to all GFCQ social media profiles can be found on the final slide)!



Live Update Notifications (eNewsletter)

- The Commission's **eNewsletter** delivers tailored information, updates and alerts about the onshore gas industry direct to your device – notifications include **revisions and updates to [The Gas Guide](#)** and webinar/event invitations. Subscribe here: www.gfcq.org.au/subscribe

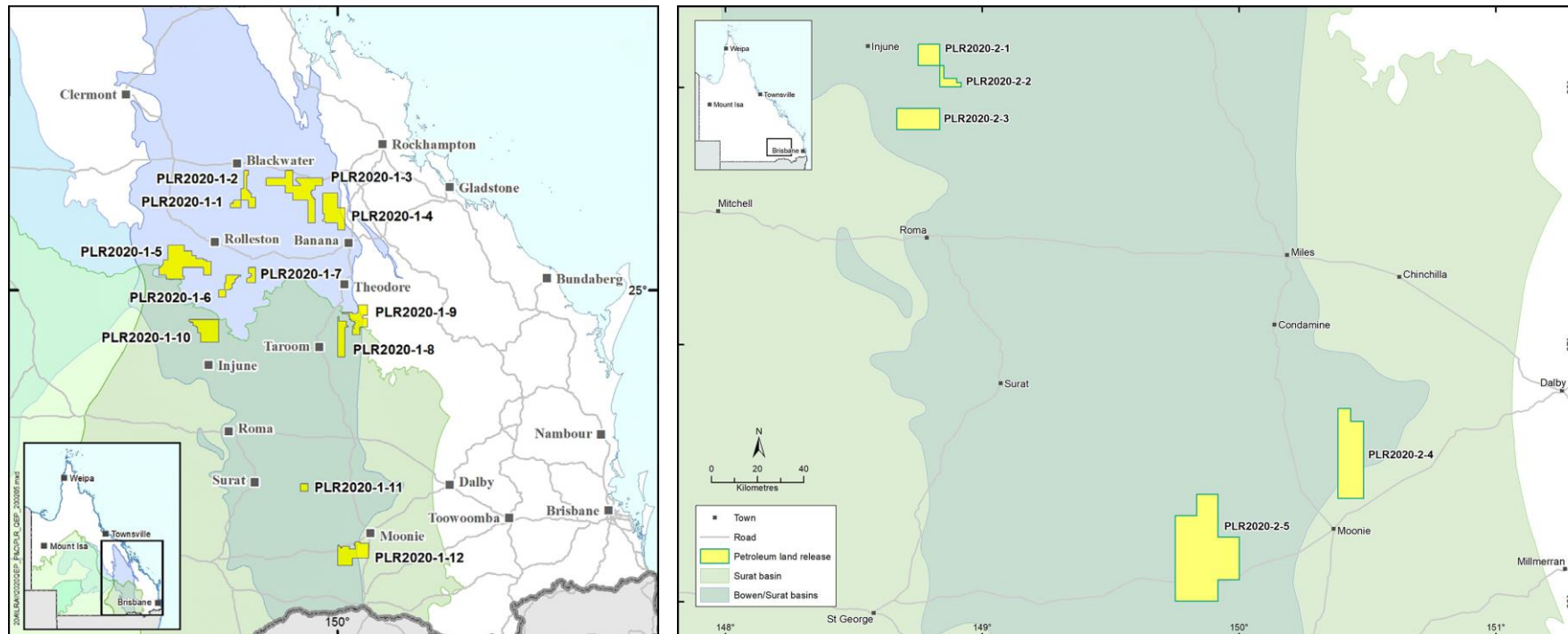


Face-to-Face Engagement

- Face-to-face engagement usually occurs with individual landholders and community groups via Commission facilitated forums, information sessions, meetings, pop-up shops, workshops and online webinars.

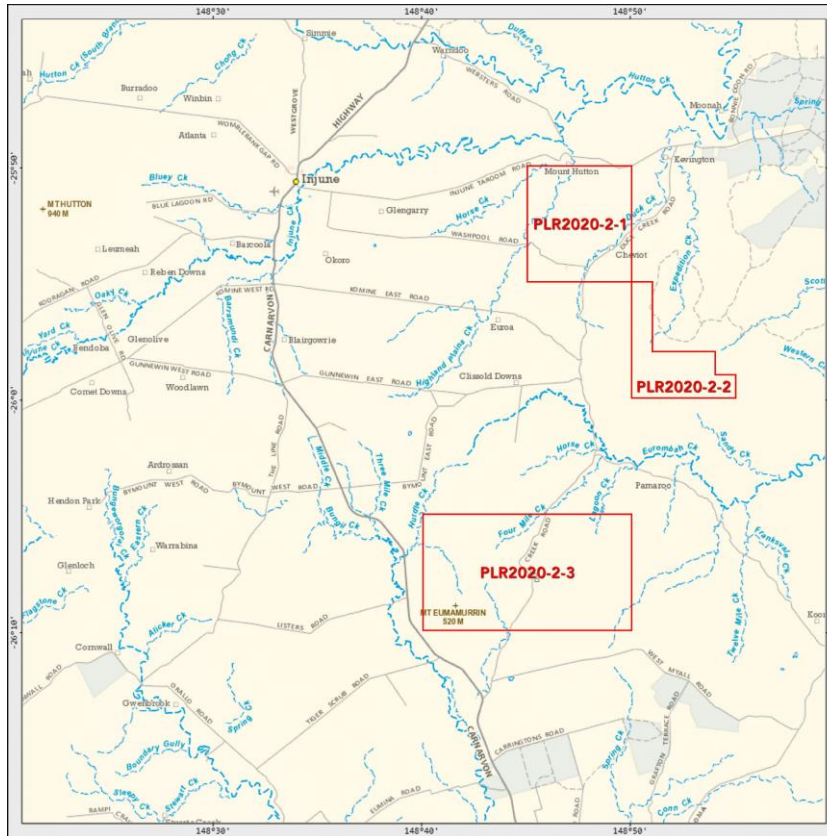
NEW TERRITORY OPEN FOR TENDER IN QUEENSLAND

- The Queensland Government's [2020 Queensland Exploration Program](#) (QEP) recently released 17 new areas (totalling 8,205km²) for petroleum and gas exploration in central and south west QLD – the QEP process is managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME)
- Tender Packages [PLR2020-1](#), [PLR2020-2](#) have been released under competitive tender to resource companies with adequate financial capabilities and skills to explore, develop and take the resources to market and drive growth in regional QLD – **important to note:** not all these tenders may be awarded.

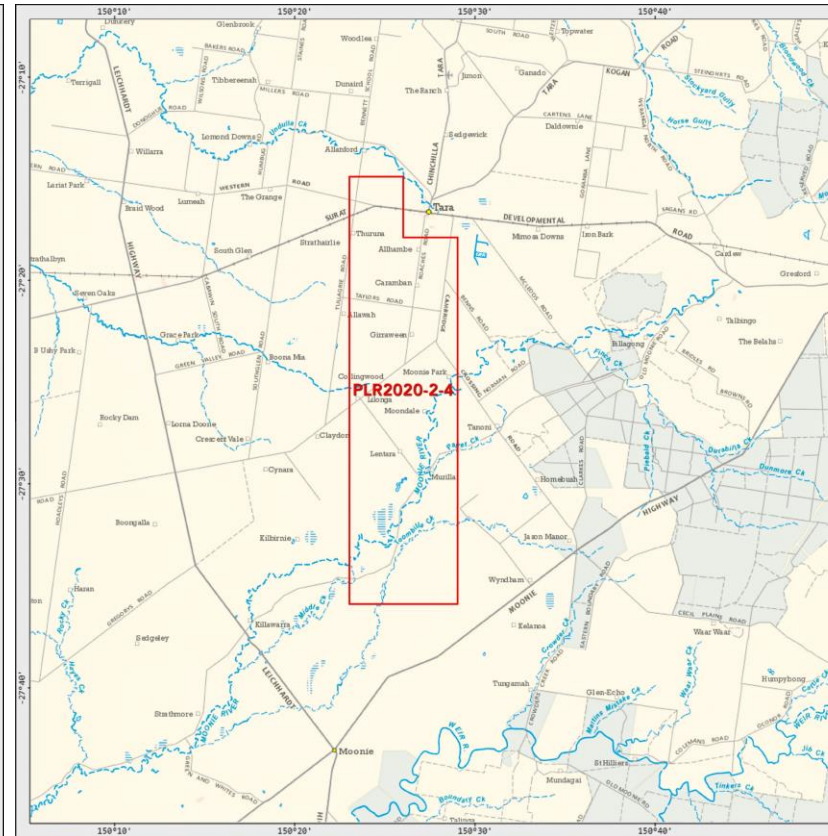


2020 QLD EXPLORATION PROGRAM

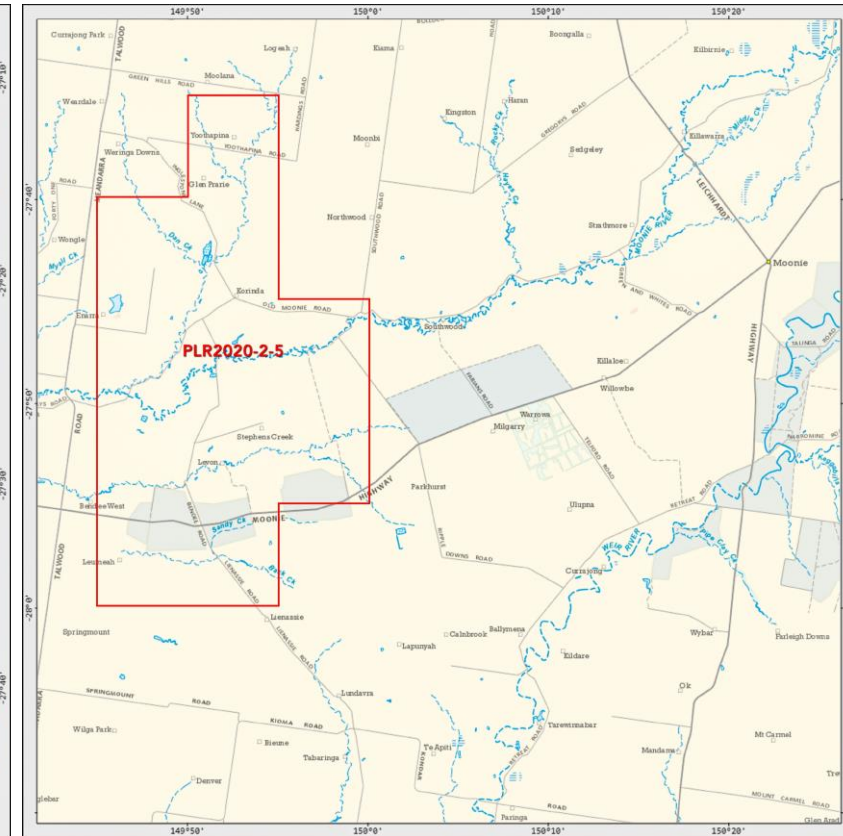
QEP'S LATEST EXPLORATION TERRITORY RELEASE (PLR2020-2)



[PLR2020-2-1 \[2,3\]](#)



[PLR2020-2-4](#)



[PLR2020-2-5](#)

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*With >90% of QLD under freehold or leasehold tenure, resource companies need to access private land to produce gas – before gas companies make contact with you, there are **three things** you should prepare in advance:*

1. PROPERTY MAP

- Landholders should have a clear map of their property providing a **visual representation of key areas/infrastructure**, such as: gates/fences, homes and other buildings, areas/structures of sentimental value (e.g. historic homesteads), key agricultural areas and important infrastructure (e.g. cattle yards, crops, dams, levees, irrigation channels) and water bores/key watering points
- Landholders should **specify no-go zones** (e.g. waterways, erosion prone areas, overland groundwater flow areas) and **known biosecurity risk areas** (such as stockyards and watercourses)
- **Note:** having a detailed property map is the first step in developing a biosecurity plan.

2. PROPERTY BUSINESS PLAN

- As part of a detailed Property Business Plan, a landholder should outline and be prepared to discuss the way the property operates and explain any current plans for the way the land is used or operated in the future, including but not limited to:
 - Location of future home sites, new cattle yards/sheds, mustering corridors or laneways, proposed paddock/fencing changes, watering points, overland groundwater flow areas, future land development, and irrigation infrastructure like pivots, channels, buried pipelines, bores and pump sites
 - Possible future Property Accreditation status need to be factored in (e.g. Organic Accreditation, PCAS and EU Eligibility)
- A Property Business Plan should also consider landholders fragile soil types which may be more prone to significant erosion if disturbed, remnant vegetation and future habitat corridors
- Business plans may vary, from a series of maps illustrating changes over time, to very detailed documents – a plan generally spans 5-10 years.

3. BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

- A Biosecurity Management Plan is a practical way of showing how you are preventing the introduction of pests, disease, weeds to your property. All Queenslanders (including resource companies) have a 'General Biosecurity Obligation' under Queensland's [Biosecurity Act 2014](#). So what does this mean?

S23 (2) The person has an obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risk.

(3) Also, the person has an obligation–

- a. to prevent or minimise adverse effects on a biosecurity consideration of the person's dealing with the biosecurity matter or carrier or carrying out the activity; and
 - b. to minimise the likelihood of causing a biosecurity event, or to limit the consequences of a biosecurity event caused, by dealing with the biosecurity matter or carrier or carrying out the activity; and
 - c. not to do or omit to do something if the person knows or ought reasonably to know that doing or omitting to do the thing may exacerbate the adverse effects, or potential adverse effects, of the biosecurity matter, carrier or activity on a biosecurity consideration.
- Copies of the [Biosecurity Management Plan](#), [Property Business Plan](#) and [Property Map](#) should be **attached to the landholders Land Access Conditions** and **referenced in the Conduct and Compensation Agreement (CCA)** to provide a clear record of your intentions during negotiations. This information can assist in decreasing the chance of a dispute in the years after signing, particularly in relation to any material changes.



IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE GASFIELDS COMMISSION QUEENSLAND:

- **DOES NOT ENGAGE** in individual commercial negotiations between landholders and gas companies
- **DOES NOT INVESTIGATE** complaints made against individual gas companies
- **PROVIDES** communities and landholders with the information and support they need to make informed decisions and achieve good outcomes
- **ADVISES** ministers, government entities and the onshore gas industry on matters related to sustainable coexistence, leading practice and management of the onshore gas industry
- **REVIEWS** the effectiveness of government entities in implementing regulatory frameworks that relate to the onshore gas industry

