

## Things you might like to know about us and coal seam gas

We at QGC know some people are anxious about coal seam gas. Here's some information about us and what we're doing.

Coal seam gas is found in coal. It's natural gas. It's the same gas we all use to heat our food, run our power stations, and provide energy for local business. Most of the gas used in Queensland comes from coal seams.

Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel, producing less than half the greenhouse gas emissions of coal to produce the same amount of energy.

At QGC, we've been producing gas from coal for more than 10 years around Chinchilla west of Brisbane. In fact, we produced about 20 per cent of Queensland's gas in 2010.

### **Some people worry about leaking gas wells. So do we.**

A leaking QGC well was recently shown on television. The well was safe, but it certainly didn't look good.

We've fixed it, we've apologised to the landholder, and we know we have to do better.

We are improving our well monitoring and safety checks and we will occasionally find leaks. But we will fix them and ensure they do not put people or the environment at risk.

### **Some people worry that we will affect underground water levels. So do we.**

Right from the start, we've said gas extraction might have a minor impact on underground water levels.

That's why we've developed a water monitoring system to detect any impact. The rules are clear. If we cause a problem, we have to fix it.

And, we're investing about a billion dollars to treat salty water so it can be used by locals and farmers.

### **Some people worry about the chemicals we use. So do we.**

Like farmers who use chemicals widely, we're very careful in their use. We use chemicals that are environmentally acceptable and we continue to look for chemicals that are 'greener'.

We carefully monitor our chemical use to ensure people are kept safe and the environment is protected.

### **Some people also worry about our impact on landholders. So do we.**

We have more than 3000 landholders as neighbours and we have never drilled wells or put infrastructure on one of their properties without their agreement.

We have never taken one of them to the land court.

In fact, we are currently in negotiation with about 1000 landholders and we already have agreements with about 600 of them.

We've always agreed compensation with the people on whose properties we work and payments can range from a few thousand dollars a year on small properties to hundreds of thousands for some larger ones.

We encourage people to talk about what we do. We're also always happy to talk about what we do.

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