

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 28 August 2025

MR C DICK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES, MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (HON D LAST)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Coexistence Queensland releasing a regulatory review into coal seam gas induced subsidence in 2022—

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the recommendations made within the report since November 2024, given that all recommendations were supported or supported in principle by the former government?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government remains committed to investigating landholder concerns related to coal seam gas (CSG)-induced subsidence and its impact on agricultural land, particularly in the Condamine Alluvium. In doing so, the government acknowledges the recommendations by the GasFields Commission Queensland (now Coexistence Queensland) in its 2022 review of CSG-induced subsidence and continues to work across government to address the issues raised in the report. I note that none of the recommendations were implemented by the previous Labor Government.

Earlier this year, I tasked the Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Resources and Critical Minerals with investigating landholder concerns related to CSG-induced subsidence, including through site visits and engagement with landholders, agricultural and resource industry peak bodies, and gas companies. These recommendations will assist the government in developing a plan for addressing subsidence.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development continues to work with the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment (OGIA), the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning on a pilot project aimed at providing a better understanding of how best to address the challenges posed by CSG-induced subsidence.

OGIA undertook a pilot study between mid-2023 and October 2024 which was finalised in June 2025 to model changes in landform to determine the extent of CSG-induced subsidence on two farming properties overlapping the Condamine Alluvium. DPI is now building upon the work of OGIA and has engaged an external contractor to undertake an agronomic impact and economic loss assessment on the two farming properties as a consequence of impacts from CSG-induced subsidence. The final report is due by the end of the year and will help to inform the government's view of how best to address

impacts from CSG-induced subsidence in a way that balances the interests of resource companies and landholders.

A budget of \$6.393 million has been approved for Coexistence Queensland for the 2025–26 financial year. This will allow the organisation to deliver initiatives such as landholder support and community liaison programs, and to develop information and educational materials for landholders. These initiatives will enable the government to be more responsive and proactive to the needs of landholders.