

July 2019 NGPCCC - Question to NSW Government Department the equivalent to the Queensland Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

The Queensland Government Department in May 2019 released a Consultation Draft “Underground Water Impact Report for the Surat Cumulative Management Area”.

The Report covers the effects of CSG and other water users on the Groundwater of that region and is independent of any Report by GISERA.

The Namoi Water Study, although recent, is tending to be a little dated in its predicted outcomes as Modelling and field work evolves.

Q1a. Does the responsible NSW equivalent of the above Queensland Department intend to carry out a similar study on the effects of groundwater and coal seam water extraction in the Great Artesian Basin and its Southern Recharge area as well as the Maules Creek and Gunnedah/Oxley Basins?

Q1b. If such a study is intended then when will the study commence?

Q1c. If no such study is intended then what are the reasons for such a decision?

Question to DoI Water or whatever NSW Government is the Responsible Department.

In 2018 it was announced that a new series of NSW Government Groundwater Monitoring Bores would be put down around the coal mining and gas sites in the Northwest of the State.

Q2a. Can the Department responsible inform the NGPCCC when drilling of the Groundwater Monitoring bores mentioned in the 2018 REF at locations 1D, 4B and 14 commence and when will the Groundwater Monitoring Bores mentioned be fully equipped and operating?

Q2b. If the hold-up is because the Tendering process is not complete, then when will the process be complete and when is the drilling, equipping and operation condition expected to be completed by?

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