



CSG Net Project

Groundwater Monitoring Equipment Grant

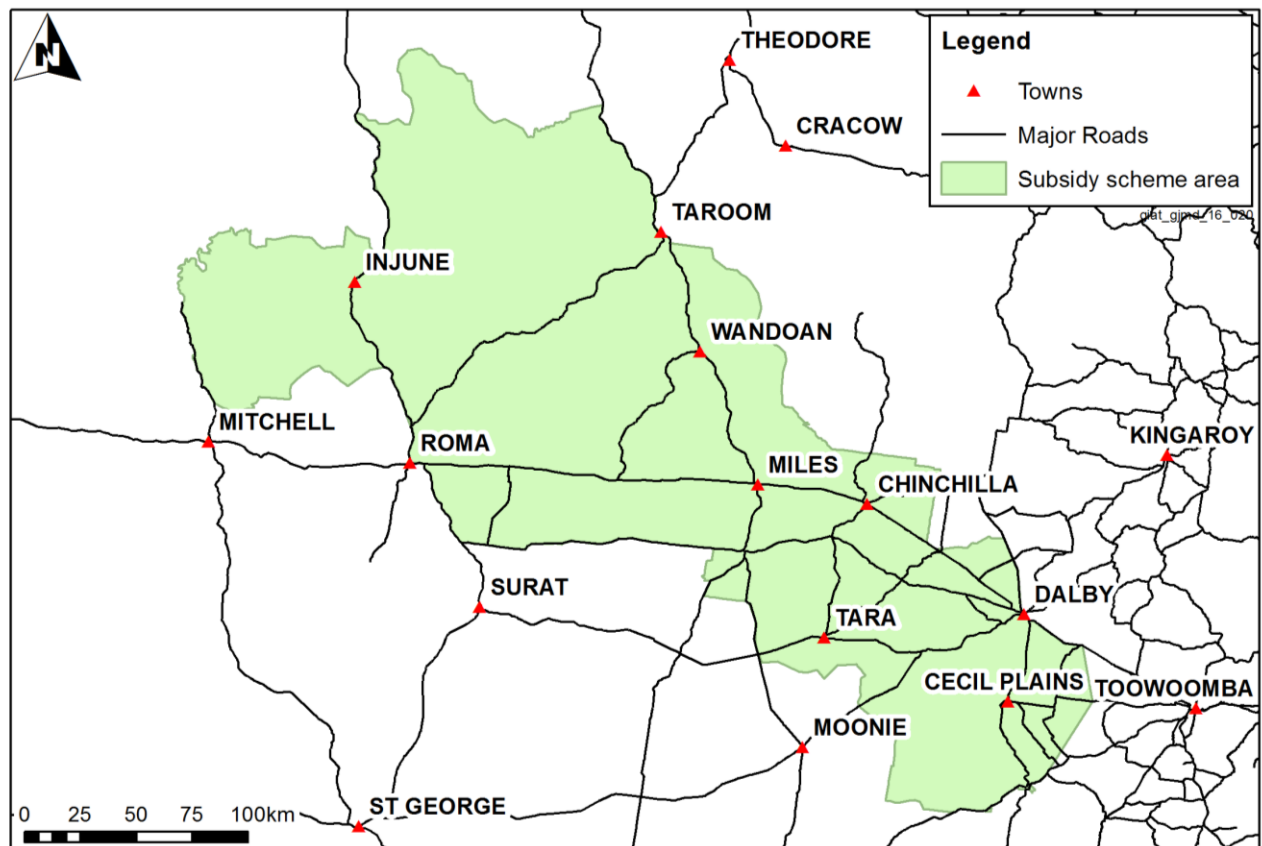
Would you like to be able to monitor the water levels in your water bore? The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) has secured funding to provide grants for the installation of monitoring equipment on registered bores in the Surat Basin CSG Net areas (see map on application form).

How do I get more information?

Visit www.qmdc.org.au, call the QMDC Regional Landcare Facilitator on 07 4637 6200 or email info@qmdc.org.au.

Am I in the eligible area?

The eligible area is the green area in the map below.



How was the eligible area determined?

The map area is aligned to areas of proposed coal seam gas (CSG) development within the Surat Basin or adjacent to these areas. Community groundwater monitoring groups (CSG Net) have been established within the areas and participating bore owners are helping to measure groundwater levels/pressure heads in their own bores in order to assess any potential CSG impacts on the groundwater resources.

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What if my bore is not registered?

Your bore does have to be registered to be eligible for these grants. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) can help register your bore, please call 13 74 68.

What if my bore is registered but I don't know the registered number?

Call DNRM on 13 74 68 to find out your bore's registered number.

What are my obligations if I receive this grant?

You will need to abide by the requirements set out in the contract (see separate document). This includes providing to DNRM at least four (4) groundwater levels measurements a year for a minimum of three (3) years. The preference is for water level data to be provided monthly.

How do I submit my four measurements per year to DNRM?

Monitoring records can be submitted by post, email or facsimile, or enter your data directly online via a secure login on this site: <https://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/qld/my-groundwater-monitoring#view=login>. Please note that you will need to arrange for a login and password. Phone: CSG Enquiries Hotline 4529 1500 or email: csq.enquiries@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

What happens to the data I provide?

Data submitted will be entered onto the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) groundwater database. This information will show on your bore report under 'water level' details. Bore reports can be publically accessed via the Queensland Globe/CSG Globe: www.business.qld.gov.au/business/support-tools-grants/services/mapping-data-imagery/queensland-globe/coal-seam-gas. Monitoring results will help form the bigger picture, used to cross-reference and verify monitoring results from CSG companies and the DNRM CSG Online loggers. CSG Net groups meet annually to share and discuss the results of groundwater monitoring in their area. You can find out more about CSG Net here: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/csg-lng-industry/csg-lng-information-landholders/groundwater-monitoring>.

How much can I apply for?

Up to 75% of the cost of purchasing and installing monitoring equipment. You will be asked to provide an estimate, and a quote if you have one available, when you put in your application.

What equipment and activity is covered by this grant?

Eligible equipment and qualified contractor costs may include:

- removal of pump and installation of airline, airline kit & pressure gauge (gauge scale appropriate to the pressure being monitored),
- removal of pump and installation of dip tube (monitoring conduit),
- installation of pressure transducer/ data logger,
- electronic water level indicator / measuring tape and plopper for monitoring of sub-artesian bores,
- pressure gauge and pipe fittings as required for monitoring of artesian bores,
- other groundwater monitoring equipment - please specify.

We understand the monitoring equipment required will vary according to the bore and pump configuration, including the type of pump that is installed.

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What type of pressure gauge do I need?

Select a pressure gauge with a range suitable for the depth of water in the bore above the bottom of the airline. If you obtain a pressure gauge that reads in metres of water the interpretation of monitoring results is easy. If the pressure gauge reads in another unit (eg kpi or psi) then you will need to convert the reading to metres of water. DNRM's My Groundwater Monitoring website (<https://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/qld/my-groundwater-monitoring#view=login>) will do this conversion for you if you use the website to enter the data into the groundwater database.

What is not covered by this grant?

Only activities and equipment related to groundwater monitoring activities are eligible for this grant. The grants do not extend to assistance to repair or replace the pump or associated supply lines.

What if I'm adding the monitoring equipment as part of my bore maintenance?

The grant can be used to cover the costs associated with the installation of the monitoring equipment but not repairs to your bore. The grant can contribute to the monitoring equipment cost and the labour to pull the bore, but not any other fix, replacement, or new pump costs.

What if I installed monitoring equipment before these grants were announced?

We're sorry but there will be no retrospective funding. Only works carried out after receipt of an approved application are eligible.

When will the applications be assessed?

Applications will be assessed periodically, based on order of application and merit. QMDC will notify all applicants, successful or otherwise.

When will I be paid?

Once your application has been approved and the works carried out, they will need to be inspected by a QMDC representative. Once the works are approved, and you have presented all invoices, payment will be processed.

When does the work have to be done by?

Within six months of receipt of a signed agreement.

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