

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing rolling green hills, a small town in the distance, and mountains under a cloudy sky.

To the Gloucester community

Ongoing program of work

As mentioned in our first column a couple of weeks ago, we have a range of project activities planned for the next six to twelve months. Below is a broad summary of the key activities planned for this period.

Site preparation and drilling near Forbesdale – November to January

We expect our drill rig to arrive in late November/early December. We will be using this rig to develop pilot wells near Forbesdale. These pilot wells will be constructed on private land. As part of the preparation work required, we will be upgrading an existing gravel road to allow safe movement of a number of heavy vehicles to the site. Trucks carting gravel for the road upgrade will enter from both the eastern and western sides.

Once the road upgrade is complete, a number of heavy vehicles (approximately 27) will then deliver equipment to the site. To comply with the Roads and Maritime Services (former RTA) these heavy vehicles must travel under pilot escort along The Buckets Way between 1am and 6am to ensure minimal impact on local road users.

We have been and will continue to consult with the locally affected Forbesdale community to ensure that the neighbours are aware of and familiar with project activity details, and that they have opportunities to discuss issues with us.

Seismic surveys – December/January

Shortly we will be commencing seismic surveys on some local properties where owners have agreed to participate. We are currently holding information sessions about the seismic survey activities.

November 15 - Stroud Road Hall, Stroud Road between 4 – 7pm

November 16 - Gloucester Country Club between 4pm and 7pm

November 17 - Stratford Hall, Stratford between 4pm and 7pm

We encourage residents to come along and discuss our activities with members of our project team.

Groundwater studies – Since January 2011 and ongoing

We are continuing with our groundwater studies to expand baseline data. This data includes groundwater levels, water quality and flow within the various aquifers around our suspended pilot wells at our site just north of Stratford and other locations. Avon River levels and salinity are also being monitored. A detailed technical report is expected to be released early 2012. This will build on our existing knowledge to help develop a further understanding of groundwater and any potential impacts once gas production commences. We know

that the uncertainties of groundwater impacts are one of the key concerns within the community. Our groundwater monitoring program, and peer review of this are critical components in our gas production. Again, we are happy to discuss our groundwater monitoring program any time. Please get in touch with us if you would like further information.

Helicopter surveys – Early to mid 2012

Next year we are planning to commence aerial surveys across our exploration area. We will be undertaking extensive community consultation about this work over the coming months and encourage you to participate if you would like to understand in more detail how these surveys will transpire. Specific details on our consultation will be published in future columns.

If you have any queries or concerns, we encourage you to contact us:
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Kind regards
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