



## **FAST FACTS**

## **GISERA AND THE OTWAY**

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### **What is GISERA?**

GISERA is the Gas Industry Social and Environment Research Alliance, which is a collaboration between CSIRO, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, State Governments and industry.

The Alliance was set up in 2011 to undertake publicly-reported independent research into onshore gas regions to better inform communities, governments and policy makers.

### **How can GISERA be independent if it's a collaboration with industry and government?**

GISERA aims to ensure the research conducted by CSIRO is informed by, and of benefit to, the broader community and industry.

CSIRO has built its reputation on providing impartial, integrated research to industry, regulators and the wider community.

GISERA's governance model is central to ensuring independence and transparency in the research undertaken by CSIRO.

An Alliance Agreement with industry provides a robust and transparent governance framework to ensure GISERA's research is demonstrably independent and that all research results are publicly available, following CSIRO's rigorous peer-review process.

### **What is the purpose of GISERA?**

GISERA's purpose is to provide quality assured scientific research and information to communities living in gas development regions focusing on social and environmental topics.

### **What research will GISERA be undertaking in South Australia?**

The State Government and the CSIRO, through GISERA, will be partnering to undertake social and environmental research on the potential impacts



and opportunities of onshore gas development on the environment and communities in the onshore Otway Basin in South Australia's South East.

Through GISERA, CSIRO has previously undertaken research that has better informed communities living in gas-developing regions in Queensland and New South Wales. We expect GISERA to be able to replicate that work here.

**How much funding is the State Government and CSIRO committing to this research project?**

The SA Government has agreed to invest \$1 million over three years, complemented by contributions from CSIRO and the Commonwealth.

**Will this research be available to the South Australian public?**

Absolutely.

GISERA's research is publicly available at [gisera.csiro.au](http://gisera.csiro.au) as well as explanatory fact sheets and videos.

GISERA also conducts a wide range of stakeholder engagement through local, regional and national workshops, seminars, conferences and technical briefings.

**How does the GISERA governance framework oversee the alliance activities?**

A Regional Research Advisory Committee will be established for the South Australian region. The SA Regional Advisory Committee will include representatives of CSIRO, and independent members appointed to ensure that the research agenda meets the needs of public good research and is relevant to the expectations of a wide range of stakeholders. Industries operating in the region will be invited to join.

A National Research Management Committee oversees day-to-day operations (but makes no funding decisions), with representation from CSIRO, and partners, including Australia Pacific LNG, Origin Energy, QGC, Santos and the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. All committee decisions are by simple majority vote.