

GISERA Communiqué

National Management Committee Meeting #11
6 November 2018

CSIRO's GISERA National Research Management Committee (NRMC) held its eleventh meeting on 6 November 2018 at Santos offices in Brisbane and via teleconference.

The GISERA Director noted that GISERA now operates in four regions of Australia, with a portfolio of 48 projects (33 completed).

The NRMC confirmed support for the admission of Pangaea Resources to GISERA. The Deed of Accession was circulated for comment on 5 November 2018.

Updates for NT

- The \$450,000 funding agreement between Northern Territory Government and CSIRO was finalised on 4 September 2018.
- The Independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory released its final report. Report results and recommendations will inform GISERA's research direction focusing on the Beetaloo Sub-basin.
- Groundwater bores measurement and sampling throughout the Beetaloo region is being undertaken to improve understanding of the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer.
- The NT Government and CSIRO are developing a Strategic Regional Environmental and Baseline Assessment (SREBA) and Codes of Practice.

Updates for NSW, QLD and SA:

- A shortlist of NSW tranche 3 research ideas/issues has been completed. Research proposals will be considered by the NSW RRAC in early 2019.
- Whole of life cycle greenhouse gas assessment of exploitation of Queensland's Surat Basin gas reserve is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- The Microbial degradation of onshore gas-related chemical compounds project was approved on 21 August by the SA RRAC. All South Australian projects are underway.