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MEDIA RELEASE

“Can they really do that on my land?”

Mining and coal seam gas laws explained at community workshop

People concerned about the impacts of the mining and coal seam gas industry will have a chance to learn about their legal rights on October 30, when lawyers from the Environmental Defenders Office (Qld) conduct a workshop in Dalby on environmental law.

“We’ll show people how to scrutinise mining applications and coal seam gas proposals, and make a submission” says EDO Qld Principal Solicitor Jo-Anne Bragg. “It’s vital to have community input early. If you wait till the trucks roll up to your gate, it’s too late.”

The workshop is in response to growing demand for legal advice and information from landholders.

“There is a real shortage of information about the subject available for community members, and what there is, can be hard to find” according to EDO’s Principal Solicitor Jo-Anne Bragg.

Ms Bragg and colleague Sarah Wilson will explain the relevant laws at State and Federal levels, and talk about making effective submissions when exploration and leases are first proposed.

The workshop is hosted by HOPE (Householders Options to Protect the Environment), at Dalby RSL, 9.30am till 2pm, Saturday October 30 2010. The cost is \$7 to cover catering.

RSVPs are essential, to office@hopeaustralia.org.au or 07 4639 2135.

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