

Taroom Trough Information Forum

SURAT – WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Event Program

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
4:00pm	Exhibition opens	
5:00pm	Introduction and housekeeping	Warwick Squire, Chief Executive Officer, Coexistence Queensland
5:15pm	Official welcome	Cr Wendy Taylor, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council
5:20pm	Taroom Trough Development Plan overview	Gerard Coggan, Coordinator-General, Office of the Coordinator-General
5:35pm	Address: Tight Gas and Oil	Prof Kathy Witt, Director, Gas & Energy Transition Research Centre, The University of Queensland
5:55pm	Groundwater considerations for Tight Gas and Oil development	Gerhard Schoning, Director, Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment
6:10pm	<i>Light supper</i>	
6:40pm	Panel discussion: 'Local exploration and development' Facilitated by Andrew Barger, Queensland Policy Manager, Australian Energy Producers	Damien Ryan, Taroom Trough Development Manager, Shell Kerry Smeltzer, Assistant Coordinator-General, Resources, Energy Infrastructure and Partnerships, Office of the Coordinator-General Lucy Snelling, Chief Executive Officer, OGT Energy

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7:20pm	Panel discussion: 'Landholders and community at the core' Facilitated by Warwick Squire, Chief Executive Officer, Coexistence Queensland	Cr Shane McCarthy, General President, AgForce Queensland and Flinders Shire Councillor Peter Stanford, President, Roma Commerce and Tourism Cr Wendy Taylor, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council
8:00pm	Close of forum	Warwick Squire, Chief Executive Officer, Coexistence Queensland