

# Condamine Alluvium CSG area

This factsheet provides an overview of the proposed amendment to the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 to prescribe the Condamine Alluvium CSG area for the purposes of the *Regional Planning Interests (Condamine Alluvium) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026* (the Bill).

## What is the Condamine Alluvium?

The Condamine Alluvium:

- is a vital groundwater resource, supporting high value agricultural land and overlays a highly productive and well-developed source of coal seam gas (CSG)
- intersects with a number of petroleum leases which give the resource companies the authority to drill gas wells to extract CSG in the underlying geology
- sits within the Condamine River floodplain in the Darling Downs and consists of the Upper Condamine Alluvium, Central Condamine Alluvium, and Tributary alluvium systems
- is largely situated within the Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council, and the Southern Downs Regional Council areas.

The Condamine Alluvium is mapped for many reasons, including to regulate priority agricultural areas under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act).

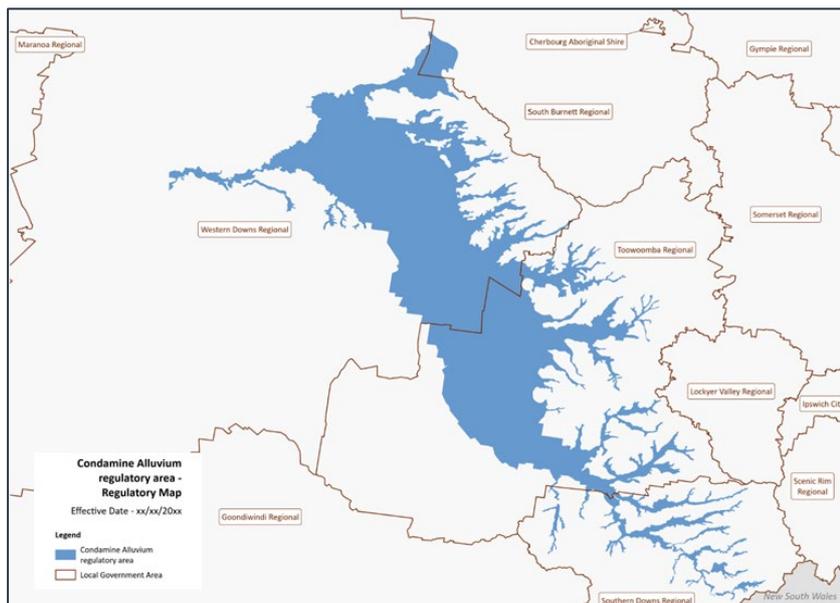
For the purposes of the planning framework, the Condamine Alluvium is the area prescribed under the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation) and the *Basin Plan 2012* (Cwlth).

## What is the proposed Condamine Alluvium CSG area?

The Condamine Alluvium CSG area is largely consistent with the existing Condamine Alluvium as defined by the RPI Regulation and spatially represented in the Basin Plan, with the exclusion of the tributary known as the Taroom Trough.

The mapped area covers the majority of the CSG wells in the broader area as well as priority agricultural areas and strategic cropping areas. This area reflects the known CSG formations in the Condamine alluvium and covers the areas that may pose the greatest risk to the aquifer.

The Taroom Trough has been excluded based on CSG not being the primary target resource in this area, and therefore the potential impacts of CSG activities are less than in other parts of the Condamine Alluvium.



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## What is the purpose of the Condamine Alluvium CSG area map?

The RPI Regulation will prescribe the Condamine Alluvium CSG area map to give effect to the legislative amendments to the RPI Act, the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, and the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014* under the Bill.

## What are the proposed changes?

The Bill provides a head of power in the RPI Act for the RPI Regulation to prescribe the regulatory map for the Condamine Alluvium CSG area.

The Bill also provides for the Condamine Alluvium CSG area map to be published on the department's website.

The RPI Regulation will prescribe that the map titled 'Condamine Alluvium CSG area map – version 1.0' is held by the department administering the legislation and is approved under the RPI Regulation.

## Further information

For further information, please contact the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning via email at [planningforqueensland@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:planningforqueensland@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au).