

Land access and coexistence



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Management approach

In Australia, the rights to minerals and resources found beneath the surface of the land, including natural gas, are held by federal, state and territory governments. Companies apply and pay for the ability to explore and ultimately develop these resources across defined geographical tenures.

We work with landholders to agree access to, and development of, natural resources. We also agree accommodation of our infrastructure associated with the operation of our energy business such as power stations, pipelines, wells, gas processing facilities and water treatment facilities.

Origin is required to access land to support many of our activities. The most significant requirements currently related to our activities as upstream operator of the gas fields of Australia Pacific LNG, which is developing coal seam gas (CSG) resources for LNG export and to provide to the domestic east coast gas market.

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Our Conduct and Compensation Agreements set out details of how we access the land to carry out our activities and the level of compensation landholders receive. We are not always required to negotiate with landholders when it comes to CSG, as some of our infrastructure and natural resources occur on land owned by Australia Pacific LNG.

As the upstream operator of Australia Pacific LNG, we are required to comply with the mandatory conditions of the Queensland Government's Land Access Code. The Land Access Code requires all gas companies to take into account many aspects of behaviour and conduct, such as ensuring that employees are trained, ensuring appropriate vehicle speed, ensuring all gates are left as they are found (either closed or open) and removing waste from private property.

In addition, Origin agrees with each landholder any specific terms of access relevant to their property or business operations.

Our Landholder and Community Relations Advisors provide a single point of contact for all land access related matters, and help us build and maintain positive, long-term working relationships with landholders.

We monitor feedback from the community and formal mechanisms are in place to record and respond to complaints. Our Landholder and Community Relations Advisors also manage and address complaints promptly and comprehensively, in accordance with our Complaints Management Framework. We use feedback from our stakeholders to continuously improve our processes.

