

# E. Functions of the GasFields Commission Queensland

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The *Gasfields Commission Act 2013* provides 14 functions for the GasFields Commission Queensland. We have categorised them into three key areas:

## Facilitation

- facilitating better relationships between landowners, regional communities and the onshore gas industry (a)
- facilitating appropriate entities to undertake community engagement and participation in initiatives about assessing health and wellbeing concerns relating to onshore gas activities (k)
- partnering with other entities for the purpose of conducting research related to the onshore gas industry (m)
- publishing educational materials and other information about the onshore gas industry (l)

## Oversight

- reviewing the effectiveness of government entities in implementing regulatory frameworks that relate to the onshore gas industry (b)

## Advisory

- advising ministers and government entities about the ability of landholders, regional communities and the onshore gas industry to coexist within an identified area (c)
- in response to requests for advice from the chief executive under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* about assessment applications under that Act, advising that chief executive about the ability of landholders, regional communities and the resources industry to coexist within the area the subject of the application (d)
- making recommendations to the relevant minister that regulatory frameworks and legislation relating to the onshore gas industry be reviewed or amended (e)
- making recommendations to the relevant minister and onshore gas industry about leading practice or management relating to the onshore gas industry (f)
- advising the minister and government entities about matters relating to the onshore gas industry (g)
- supporting the provision, to the community and stakeholders, of information prepared by appropriate entities on health and wellbeing matters relating to the onshore gas industry or geographical areas in which the onshore gas industry operates (j).

Enabling functions to allow the commission to perform the above functions:

- obtaining information from government entities and prescribed entities (h)
- obtaining advice from government entities about the onshore gas industry or functions of the commission (i)
- convening advisory bodies to assist the commission to perform a function mentioned above (n).

