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## An update on your CS Energy contact

In this newsletter we have an important update for you on your CS Energy contact, an overview of the work we have been doing lately, and our plans for the rest of 2024.

### Change to your CS Energy contact

I will be leaving CS Energy temporarily to go on maternity leave in May.

In my absence, Sharon Geall will be stepping into my role as the main point of contact for you. Many of you will already know Sharon as she has been working with the team for the past year.

To help support Sharon we are also welcoming Tina Donovan to the team. Tina has previously worked in the water, mining and resources sector managing landholder and customer relationships. Your phone contact details for CS Energy remain **0477 957 116**.

You can email Sharon at [sgeall@csenergy.com.au](mailto:sgeall@csenergy.com.au) or Tina at [tdonovan@csenergy.com.au](mailto:tdonovan@csenergy.com.au)

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## Working with DESI

In March we submitted our final response to the Environmental Evaluation (EE) notice issued by the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI).

Our submission was extensive and included information on:

- results from more than 2,000 water, soil, and sediment samples
- hydrogeological studies
- aquatic biota sampling of the local dam and creek
- soil and concrete remediation at PFAS source areas on site at Callide power station.

DESI are currently reviewing the document and will have feedback for us in mid 2024.

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## **Environmental Evaluation**

Through the EE process we have identified some key areas of work that need to be completed. These are:

- Monitoring the flow of water containing PFAS coming onto site from the north of Callide Power Station.
- Installing additional seepage recovery pumps and bores in the south eastern part of the site, and further soil, sediment and water sampling in that area.
- Cleaning sediment out of the northern stormwater pond and improving seepage recovery at Callide A.

We are also finalising our fourth round of landholder sampling and are communicating the results. The technical monitoring program continues, with Epic Environmental currently in the area taking samples.

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## **Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)**

A Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) is under way and expected to be complete in late 2024.

It looks at specific risks to human health and the environment by looking at exposure pathways – such as drinking water, food and bathing. It takes a holistic approach to understand what the combined risk of each individual pathway is.

A qualified risk assessor is completing the HHERA. Part of their work will include making recommendations on actions needed to manage any identified risks.

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## Updated fact sheet from health authorities

In February the Commonwealth Department of Health's Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth) published updated guidance statement and fact sheets about PFAS.

These are now linked on our website:

- [Fact sheet](#)
- [Guidance statement](#)

There has been no change to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines or tolerable daily intakes in food.

In the fact sheet, enHealth states that the science and our understanding of PFAS will continue to evolve. As a precaution, enHealth therefore continues to recommend exposure to PFAS be minimised wherever possible.

enHealth says this precautionary advice considers the current scientific evidence, including the lack of causation data on human

health effects and the ability of these chemicals to persist in humans and in the environment.

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## Finding support

The enHealth fact sheet includes a section on mental health and wellbeing and acknowledges the presence of PFAS may increase stress for some.

Everyone manages stress differently.

CS Energy offers landholders in the sampling zones near the Callide Power Station access to our Employee Assistance Program providers, Assure Program.

If you feel you need support, you're invited to call Assure on 1800 808 374 (24 hours).

Assure will provide affected landholders with free, confidential support, with no GP referral required.

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## Next steps

The next key milestones are:

- Receiving DESI's feedback on the EE submission by mid 2024.
- Receiving the final HHERA report in late 2024.
- Continuing technical monitoring.

An updated timeline has been produced showing what activities we have done and what is next on the agenda ([find it on our website under fact sheets](#)).

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## More information

How can I get more information?

You can phone **0477 957 116** and a member of the PFAS team will be available to take your call.

If you have any health concerns or questions, Queensland Health advises people to talk to their GP or call **13HEALTH** on **13 43 25 84**.

You can also call the Central Queensland Public Health Unit on **07 4920 6989**.

If you have questions about livestock or agriculture, we recommend speaking with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) on **13 25 23**.

Kind regards  
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