

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

[Ag Jobs Queensland](#) is now live providing a dedicated industry jobs platform for the Queensland agricultural sector. Join QFF and uWorkin on **Thursday, 2 March from 12pm – 1pm AEST** to learn more about how the Ag Jobs Queensland platform can support your business look for new talent to join your team. [Register here](#)

2.

QFF have provided a submission to the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Science, Queensland in relation to the proposed Surat Basin Carbon Capture and Storage Project as part of the Environment and Impact Statement (EIS) process. QFF is calling for further consultation with concerned businesses and industry before further action. [Read the submission here.](#)

3.

Last week, QFF were joined by ACCIONA Energía Business Development Manager Gavin Lee to discuss land access for renewable projects from the developer perspective. QFF is developing a toolkit to support landholders navigate, respond to and negotiate with energy industry representatives about accessing land for renewable energy projects. [View the webinar with here.](#)

4.

On Monday, 13 March join QFF CEO Jo Sheppard and RCS Australia Founding Director Dr Terry McCosker OAM and together they will explore the topic of how farming businesses can increase production and business performance in step with ecological and social outcomes. During the webinar, Jo and Terry will explore what farming businesses can do today, to ensure a sustainable enterprise and environment tomorrow. [Learn more and register here!](#)

5.

Attention Farmers: Is Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) on your list for 2023? Cotton Australia is hosting a three-part webinar series focused on the "What, Why and How of WHS". The series is open to any farmer, irrespective of industry with webinars running daily this week from Wednesday, 1 March – Friday, 3 March. [Find out more and register here.](#)

6.

It was good news for the state this week with the announcement that as of 1 March, less than 30 per cent of Queensland will be drought-declared. This is the first time the percentage of drought-declared area has dropped below 30 since 2013. Please note: Primary producers can still access support regardless of whether they are in a [drought-declared area](#) or not.

7.

The Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water has publicly released the draft replacement Mary Basin water plan and supporting documents for consultation. [You're invited to have your say](#) before Friday, 21 April 2023.

8.

Ever wondered how new potato plants are grown? ABC Education has released a fun 7-part series where you will meet young farmers or farming families who will show you around their farm and explain how their product is grown and processed. If you know a young future farmer or have a curious young person in your midst who wants to know how Aussie food is grown and produced, this series is for them. [Check it out!](#)

9.

People in rural and regional locations often spend a lot of time on the road in their cars travelling to see family and friends, accessing daily necessities and services. Through the [Australian Government's Black Spot Program](#), you can nominate a Black Spot (locations where crashes are occurring or are at risk of occurring) if you come across one, or apply for funding to run a project to make our roads safer.

10.

Telstra has announced the Connected Communities Grant Program. Through the Program, Telstra are offering grants up to \$10,000 for not-for-profit community organisations that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support their communities to embrace new technologies. [Learn more here](#)



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