

Irrigators Sign Landmark Land Access Framework

The New South Wales Irrigators' Council has today joined with the NSW Farmers Association, Cotton Australia, Santos and AGL in signing an important principle agreement on land access ([Here](#)).

"This land access agreement is an important milestone to secure agricultural landholder's rights and we are pleased to sign the agreement today after much negotiation and hard work."

"AGL and Santos have for many years stated that they will respect the wishes of landholders, they've now put this in writing. It is a fantastic achievement to have these principles now enshrined in a document which all parties have signed up to."

Council has always advocated for the rights of private agricultural landholders and their ability to choose what happens on their property.

"Giving landholders the choice of saying 'yes' or 'no' and having that choice respected by all parties is a big step in the right direction for these landholders."

"We congratulate Santos and AGL on their willingness to take a leadership role within their industry in Australia and recognise that respecting landholder rights is a cornerstone for any social licence when it comes to working with landholders and their rural and regional communities."

NSWIC will continue to work to protect the water resources in NSW and this includes working with government and industry establishing robust science based baseline data and the appropriate protection mechanisms around mining and CSG activities on agricultural land.

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