



The Hon Chris Hartcher

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CSG COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER HEADED FOR CASINO

Resources Minister Chris Hartcher today announced the State's first Coal Seam Gas Community Liaison Officer will be based in Casino on the NSW North Coast, following representations from the local Member and Richmond Valley Council.

In a meeting today with the Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis, Mayor of Richmond Valley Council, Ernie Bennett and the General Manager of Richmond Valley Council, John Walker, Mr Hartcher agreed to the request that a position be based in Casino.

"Last year the NSW Government announced it would be establishing an on-the-ground presence in regional communities across the State to ensure ready access to factual information about the coal seam gas industry," Mr Hartcher said.

"Richmond Valley Council recognises the many benefits that can be derived from the coal seam gas industry, and views the development of local coal seam gas reserves as vital to supporting economic growth and local employment.

"I was happy to meet with Mayor Bennett and Mr Walker to hear first-hand the Council's Position Statement on coal seam gas, and I congratulate them both for their proactive approach in shaping the future direction of their Council area."

The Community Liaison Officer will commence in early March and will be available to meet with members of the community and organisations seeking information on coal seam gas.

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