

## ***Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2025***

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Greenhouse gas storage and injection activities in Queensland's Great Artesian Basin were banned in legislative changes introduced in mid 2024 to protect it from potential safety and environmental risks posed by carbon dioxide injection. This also ended all greenhouse gas exploration and storage permits.

The holder of the existing permit (Carbon Transport & Storage Corporation) was required to 'plug and abandon' the greenhouse gas wells in their decommissioning obligations.

This Bill enables the wells to instead be converted to a water supply bore and ownership of the bore is transferred to the landowners (only with their consent), with the costs borne by the Corporation as part of the original decommissioning agreement.

All submissions and consulted stakeholders, including Qld Farmers Federation, AgForce, and relevant landowners were supportive and there were no statements of reservation.

These bores provide landowners with access to a valuable water resource and are considered a positive legacy for otherwise abandoned wells, and therefore the Bill was supported.