

## 12 reasons to oppose the Adani Carmichael coal mine

1. Billionaire Indian businessman, Gautam Adani, plans to build the southern hemisphere's biggest coal mine in the Galilee Basin, Queensland. If the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the burning of Galilee Basin coal were compared to those from other *countries*, the Galilee Basin would rank as **the world's seventh biggest contributor of CO<sub>2</sub> pollution**. This would significantly disrupt efforts to limit warming to a critical 2°C and increase dangers of extreme weather events.
2. Climate change puts the **Great Barrier Reef at risk**. Warming waters killed 29% of shallow corals on the Reef in 2016; a similar result is expected from 2017's excessive heat. The mine would also see 500 extra coal ships travelling through the Reef each year, risking groundings and spills.
3. The Queensland Government has agreed to grant Adani a secretive **royalty "holiday"** or deferral of payments – although the Queensland government made an election promise not to give taxpayer support to the miner.
4. Although Turnbull and Palaszczuk promised not to spend public funds on Adani, this Indian billionaire is due to receive **a loan of \$900 million of Australian taxpayers' money** from NAIF (Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility). Karla Way-McPhail, a member of NAIF board, is the chief executive of the coalmine labour and machinery supplier Undamine Industries and of Coal Train Australia, a mining training company – a potential conflict of interest.
5. Our politicians claim the project would create 10,000 jobs but Adani's own report projects a net average of **just 1,464 employee years** of full-time equivalent jobs. Indeed, Adani's CEO claims the process would be **automated** from mine to port. Meanwhile, the project would threaten 69,000 reef tourism jobs.
6. Adani has been granted **unlimited free access to groundwater for 60 years** and would extract billions of litres each year, causing irreversible damage to groundwater systems.
7. **Adani does not have the consent of the Wangan and Jagalingou people**, whose ancestral lands, waters and culture would be destroyed by the mine. State and federal governments are trying to make changes to native title and water laws to ensure the mine goes ahead.
8. **Adani companies are under investigation** for tax evasion, corruption, fraud and money laundering. Nine of Adani subsidiaries registered in Australia are ultimately owned by an entity registered in the **Cayman Islands tax haven**.
9. Adani Group companies have **an appalling environmental and human rights track record** – destruction of mangroves, agricultural land and fish stocks, groundwater contamination, land grabs, child labour, worker underpayment, accidents and deaths, and bribery on a massive scale.
10. Our politicians argue that we cannot morally deny **impoverished Indians** access to electricity but over 80 million households cannot afford connection to the grid. The power generated by big plants is not used by the communities that have to live with them – it is supplied to the wealthy in large cities. Off-grid renewable energy would supply clean power faster to poor people.
11. Pollution, largely from coal burning, causes **over 3,000 premature deaths every day in India**.
12. The Adani mine would produce coal of a far **inferior quality** than most in the export market – not better quality as is claimed. In any case, the Indian government plans to stop importing coal and is driving down the costs of solar energy.

Please talk to those around you about this harmful project and communicate with our politicians.

More: [http://www.stopadani.com/why\\_stop\\_adani](http://www.stopadani.com/why_stop_adani)

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