

One Nation to Alan Jones: \$1bn Adani loan dead on arrival

The One Nation Queensland leader Steve Dickson has today confirmed that his party will make vetoing the \$1 billion loan from the Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility to Adani a condition of support to form government after this Saturday's Queensland election.

Mr Dickson has had the following exchange with Alan Jones:

Jones: Would rejecting a taxpayer loan to Adani be a condition of your support to form government?

Dickson: Absolutely. Absolutely. 100%

Jones: So if you had the balance of power, you would make it clear that the NAIF loan would be dead on arrival?

Dickson: Absolutely. We want that money spent for the sake of Queenslanders and Australians alone and nobody else, ever.

<u>Listen here at 56:00</u>

Russell Kelly, Coordinator of the North Queensland Conservation Council, Townsville said, "On the question of a NAIF loan for Adani, Alan Jones and Steve Dickson have it right. A massive public subsidy to a billionaire miner is now 'dead on arrival' because only the LNP supports the loan.

"Poll after poll confirms that the majority of Australians oppose this loan to Adani and One Nation has done the right thing in binning the idea.

"The LNP is on its own in supporting this massive public subsidy for a billionaire coal miner."

"Polling shows nearly two thirds of Queenslanders would prefer \$1 billion spent on funding other projects that benefit the state rather than this destructive mine¹.

"Quite understandably, One Nation's base simply won't accept public subsidies for billionaires."

"We don't want to see any public money go towards a polluting new coal mine and of course, we are resolute in our opposition to the project outright. That's what we'll be saying to every member of the new parliament when the dust settles from this election."

Verity Morgan-Schmidt, Farmers for Climate Action CEO said: "This is an important development for Queensland primary producers. One billion dollars of public money could be far better spent in agricultural innovation and infrastructure across Northern Australia.

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¹ Latest Queensland poll - a ReachTEL poll of over 2,181 Queenslanders, commissioned by The Australia Institute and released last week - here.