

## Stop Adani Alliance spells out asks of new Qld Govt

**Brisbane, Australia.** The Stop Adani Alliance is demanding Premier Palaszczuk keep her election promise to write to Prime Minister Turnbull on day one of her new government and veto the controversial one billion dollar loan of public money to Adani, releasing a letter to the Premier which includes a range of other key demands.

The Alliance, which now has 36 member organisations representing well over two million Australians has called for the new government to commit to no new coal mines in Queensland. Other demands around Adani's mine and Queensland groundwater, native title rights, and the allocation of public money are summarised below.

Shannon Hurley, Great Barrier Reef campaigner for the Australian Marine Conservation Society said, "By upholding her commitment to veto the loan, the Premier will be heeding to the seven out of ten Queenslanders who think Adani should fund its own project rather than receive taxpayers' money.

"To protect our Reef, one of the most incredible places on Earth, home to fish, corals, turtles, sharks and whales, we need to urgently make the transition away from coal. The Reef is a magnet for tourists from Australia and around the world, yet over the last two years nearly half the corals have died due to global warming, mainly driven by burning coal."

**Ellen Roberts, Queensland Lead Organiser with GetUp said,** "The election was fought between coal and renewables, and coal lost badly. Adani has been exposed as an expensive, polluting and unpopular white elephant.

"Queensland construction jobs in renewable energy doubled in the last four months the future couldn't be any clearer.<sup>1</sup> Queenslanders want to finally put an end to Adani's nonsense and get on with turning the state into a renewable energy powerhouse."

Basha Stasak, Australian Conservation Foundation's Stop Adani Campaigner said, "The people of Queensland expect Premier Palaszczuk to deliver on her promise and write immediately to the Turnbull Government to veto any federal loan for Adani's dirty mega mine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, <u>Oueensland renewable energy jobs double in four months</u>, 22 November 2017.

"The LNP's push for coal power and their support for public money for the Adani mine were rejected by Queenslanders. Queenslanders care about nature, they care about the Great Barrier Reef, and they care about keeping their air and water clean. The best way for Premier Palaszczuk to show she shares those concerns is to take action to stop Adani's polluting project."

## Key demands of the new Queensland government

- 1. Cancel Adani's associated water licence;
- 2. Secure a full upfront cash bond by way of financial assurance to complete the rehabilitation and closure of the Carmichael coal mine. The bond should be determined by a transparent, independent expert review;
- 3. Recognise that the Wangan and Jagalingou claim group has said 'no' to Adani four times;
- 4. Uphold commitment of no public money to be spent on Adani's Carmichael coal mine and associated infrastructure, including by any direct or indirect government subsidies;
- 5. Buy back or cancel Adani's mining lease;
- 6. Introduce a moratorium on new coal mines and expansions of existing coal mines in Queensland;
- 7. Ensure NAIF funded projects in Queensland serve to diversify investment across Northern Australia;
- 8. Oppose any public subsidies for other fossil fuel projects.

**Photos and video of Stop Adani** press conference and during the election will be uploaded to <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/stopadani/albums/72157689324025141</u> and <u>https://vimeo.com/album/4889431</u>

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