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Survey shows Mackay residents opposed to Adani

WHEN: Tuesday 15th August – 9:30am

WHERE: Outside Julieanne Gilbert's Office, Sydney St, Mackay

A community survey released today by the Mackay Conservation Group has uncovered overwhelming opposition in Mackay to the Adani Carmichael mine and the special treatment it is receiving from the government.

Almost 80 per cent of Mackay people do not support the \$1 billion taxpayer funded loan to Adani. Even greater numbers (86 per cent) oppose the Queensland government giving Adani access to free, unlimited water. Eighty five per cent of people were also opposed to the royalty free period that the State government has granted to Adani.

Mackay Conservation Group community organiser, Maggie Mckeown said that the survey makes it clear that there is little support for Adani in Mackay.

"The results of our survey indicate that people in Mackay do not want their government giving handouts to untrustworthy, overseas companies like Adani", Ms Mckeown said.

"Politicians would like the public to think that everyone in North Queensland supports the Adani mine, but this survey shows that actually most people do not support the project".

"We have gone out to talk to the community about their thoughts on the project and we are letting our local MPs know what people really think about the Adani mine", she said.

"We found that 88 per cent of locals want the government to transition away from coal, and instead train people in long-term, sustainable jobs in renewable energy".

A group of concerned volunteers conducted the survey at the Food and Wine Festival, Central Queensland University and at supermarkets and other public locations.

"People in Mackay are saying that they want their government to help our region transition to more sustainable and long term industries".

When asked if they have a message for their MP, one respondent said "I am suspicious of the governments' motives behind the Adani deal because of the lack of transparency and that stinks."

Another respondent said "Invest in our natural resources and sustainable energy futures with the vast technology and industrial capacity already here."

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Stop Adani campaign in Mackay

Mackay has a strong and committed network of volunteers, dedicated to stopping Adani. We have been campaigning against the Adani mine for five years. The group can call on the support of Stop Adani network member organisations, such as GetUp! and the Australian Conservation Foundation which have hundreds of local supporters.

Stop Adani Community Survey Mackay Results

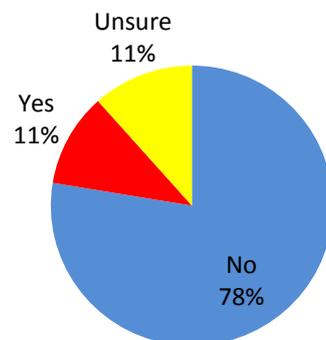
Over the past few weeks, Stop Adani Mackay has been surveying our community. We surveyed 260 people at public places across Mackay including; the Food and Wine Festival, supermarkets and CQ University Campus.

Do you think that the Australian government should loan Adani \$1billion to build a rail line to Abbot Point?

259 responses

201 = No
28 = Yes
30 = Unsure

Most people do not support a \$1billion loan of taxpayer's money being given to Adani.

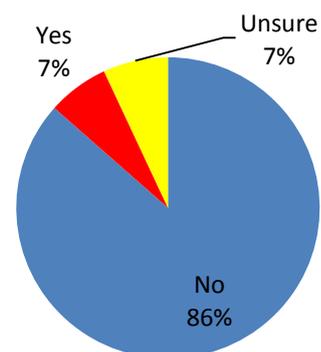


Do you think the Qld Government should allow Adani free unlimited access to water from the Great Artesian Basin?

260 responses

225 = No
17 = Yes
18 = Unsure

Most people do not want Adani to have free access to Queensland's water.

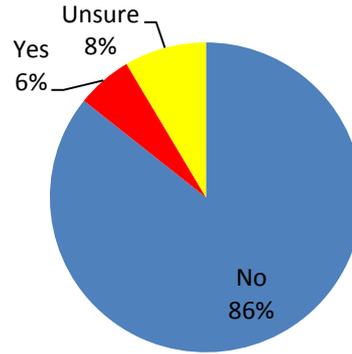


The Qld government has granted a royalty free period of 2 years for Adani. Should we be subsidising foreign nationals to mine our resources?

259 responses

222 = No
15 = Yes
22 = Unsure

Most people do not want our State government to subsidise Adani's royalty payments.

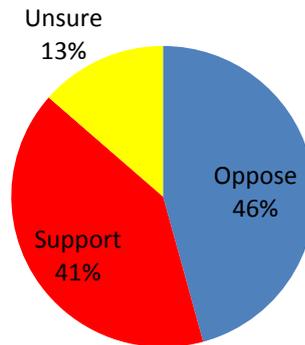


Do you support or oppose new coal mines in Qld?

258 responses

118 = Oppose
105 = Support
35 = Unsure

More people opposed the idea of opening new coal mines in Queensland.

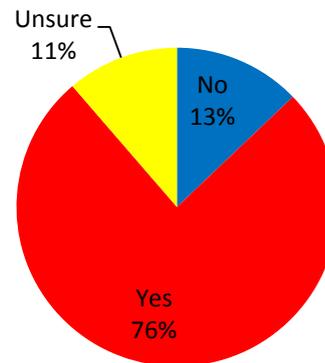


Do you believe climate change is impacting the reef?

257 responses

33 = No
195 = Yes
29 = Unsure

Most people believe that climate change is impacting the reef.

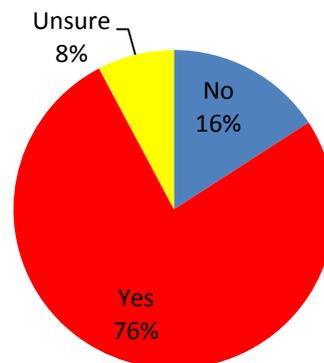


Do you think an extra 500 coal ships per year travelling through the Reef zone will have an effect on the Great Barrier Reef?

259 responses

41 = No
198 = Yes
20 = Unsure

Most people think that extra coal ships will effect the reef.



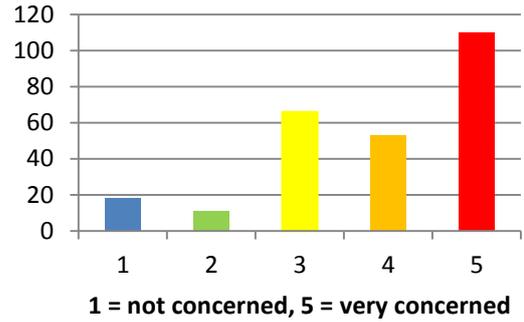
How concerned are you about climate change?

1 = not concerned, 5 = very concerned.

258 responses

- 1 = 18
- 2 = 11
- 3 = 66
- 4 = 53
- 5 = 110

Most people are very concerned about climate change.

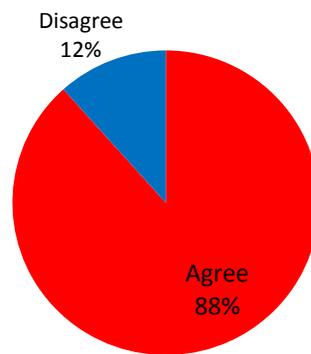


Do you agree or disagree with this statement: *Our governments should be planning to transition from coal and train people in long term, sustainable jobs in renewable energy.*

258 responses

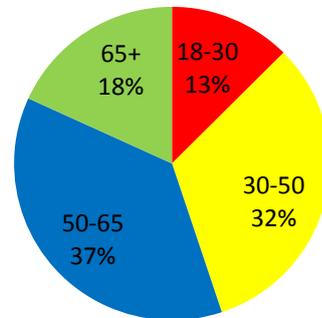
- 228 = agree
- 30 = disagree

Most people think that our government should move away from coal power and toward renewable energy jobs.



Age

All a range of age groups responded to the survey.



Gender

There were slightly more male respondents in this survey.

