



#StopAdani Background Info & Talking Points v.7

Overview:

- The federal government is proposing to give \$1 billion loan of taxpayers' money to the multinational mining company, Adani, for a private rail line to connect their Carmichael coal mine in Central Queensland to the coal loading port at Abbot Point.
- The rail line will be for the exclusive use of Adani's coal trains.
- Adani has failed to secure funding from QLD gov. and domestic, & international banks
- This billion-dollar loan for Adani has received conditional approval will be decided upon soon
- Queensland Labor has vowed to veto the billion-dollar bailout from NAIF to Adani, which would stop the loan and put Adani back to square one with funding. Tim Nicholls and the LNP are still committed to handing over the billion-dollar bailout.

QLD key talking points

- QLD government has the power to say no to the \$1 billion NAIF loan
 - Labour leader Annastacia Palaszczuk has pledged to officially veto the loan on her first day in office.
 - The LNP and Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls have reinforced their support for the Adani loan.
- 10000 jobs is a lie, only 1400 full time equivalent jobs as admitted by their own expert in court
- Giving away unlimited water license for free
 - up to 12 billion/litres/year water being extracted
 - This arrangement is specific to Adani, other miners and farmers do not get free unlimited water licenses

NAIF (Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility):

- The NAIF's board makes investment decisions (Chair and 6 Board Members)
- The Board is made up of people with close ties to the mining industry – 5 board members have previously worked in, and have links still to the mining industry.
- This loan has received preliminary approval and is under consideration NOW.
- There are 3 mandatory criteria for a NAIF Loan:
 - 1. The project must be able to proceed without financial assistance (FAIL)
 - 2. The NAIF loan cannot be the majority source of funding (FAIL)
 - 3. The loan must be repaid (UNKNOWN)

Key frames and talking points

Jobs

- The government subsidy to create one job on the Adani project is \$680,000 per job.
- The government subsidy to create 1 job in the renewable industry projects that have been built in Queensland already was \$32,000 per job.

- Adani is only guaranteeing 1,400 jobs – this number includes indirect employment, such as shop assistants and taxi drivers. So the mine will create less than 1,400 permanent jobs.

Adani is dodgy and corrupt

- Adani has a very dodgy history of business management and environmental practices (see adanifiles.com.au)
- There is a history of bribery, exploiting workers and corruption in Adani's Indian projects
- Adani is made up a whole web of around 26 different companies.
- Most of these companies are based in overseas "tax havens"
- 13 Adani subsidiaries are owned in the Cayman Islands, which is a notorious tax haven (where Malcolm Turnbull also has accounts!)
- Adani already has plans to shift \$3 billion from the proposed mine to a subsidiary company owned in the Cayman Islands and personally controlled by the Adani family (according to an ABC report on March 13th)

Great Barrier Reef

- The reef is experiencing another bleaching event this year, after the disastrous event last year when more than half of the reef was bleached, and 1/3 of the coral died.
- According to a Deloitte (2013) report (The Great Barrier Reef provides 69,000 permanent full-time jobs and generates \$ 5.7 billion annually for the economy.
- Expansion of the Abbot Point Coal Port will endanger the environment of the Reef, which is already threatened by bleaching and pollution.

Public responses to the proposal

- According to a recent ReachTel poll, more than 7 out of 10 Queenslanders said Adani should fund its own project rather than expect a taxpayer subsidy¹
 - well over two thirds said the Queensland government should keep its election promise and use its power of veto to rule out any \$1 billion dollar taxpayer funded loan to Adani
 - more than a third of Queenslanders said if the Queensland Government does not use its power of veto to rule out any loan for Adani, this would likely change their vote.
- Some of the infrastructure projects people have suggested are repairing roads, healthcare, affordable housing, schools and job creation projects, for instance on more large scale renewable energy projects like the one already being built in Queensland now.
- According to a ReachTel poll, two thirds of Australians think the Queensland government should veto the loan.²

¹ ReachTEL polling of 1,652 Queensland residents, conducted on 24 October, commissioned by Stop Adani movement.

² ReachTEL conducted a survey of 2194 residents across Australia. The survey was conducted on the night of 4th October 2017.