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Adani jobs claims exposed

'Hope for a big boost to Townsville with the development by Adani of the Carmichael mine has been shattered with the release by Adani of hugely modified job numbers' according to North Queensland Conservation Council Coordinator, Wendy Tubman.

'Adani had repeatedly claimed that the project would generate 10,000 jobs for Australia.

'Locals assumed that many of these jobs would deliver benefits for Townsville.

'However, under oath in court, an Adani expert witness has admitted that the numbers of jobs would be just 1464 for Australia. Of these, 1206 would be in Queensland. His affidavit acknowledged a mere 483 for the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday region as a whole', Ms Tubman said.

'These new numbers include direct and indirect jobs associated with the mine and the railway. It is unlikely that many of these jobs would benefit Townsville.

'To push ahead with this mine now, knowing the impact it would have on the Great Barrier Reef, would be an act of insanity' said Ms Tubman.

She called on local, state and federal politicians to finally take their heads out of the sand and look to see what real sustainable jobs could be developed in the region.

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