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Adani's water plan means they cannot start digging!

Townsville, North Queensland. Adani claims they would be starting work at the Carmichael mine site this Christmas and yet their water management plan is still not yet approved.

North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC) spokesperson Tarquin Moon said [CSIRO has serious concerns about Adani's resubmitted Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan](#) and remains unapproved by the Queensland Government. The plan has not adequately demonstrated how Adani's would mine not impact on the 180 wetlands in the Great Artesian Basin.

"It's not acceptable that Adani should try to pressure the Queensland Government to crash through their approvals and put the environment and water for the people of Central Queensland at risk," said Tarquin Moon, NQCC Campaigns Manager.

"Given the continuing drought it is crucial that Adani are now required to conduct more extensive water research, including proper seismic surveys, to thoroughly assess the risks.

"Adani is far from shovel ready, as it would have the public believe. The company must still have its water management plan and Black Throated Finch Management Plan approved, and it is still facing two legal challenges.

"The Carmichael Mine is not yet a done deal and people are realising the lasting impact to the community is a huge concern."

Today's revelations also come after the Federal Government's Bioregional Assessment of the cumulative water impacts of future coal mining in the Galilee Basin, released on December 6, showed [major impacts](#) on groundwater, creeks and rivers.

"That assessment too showed potentially devastating impacts on the Great Artesian Basin discharge springs, should the proposed coal mines in the Galilee Basin be allowed to proceed," Ms Flint said.

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