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MEDIA RELEASE

Mining company breaches are risking water in drought-declared Queensland

Townsville, North Queensland. North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC) says the Adani company has breached their conditions by commencing the drilling of bores recently in western Queensland on the proposed Carmichael mine site.

The Adani company does not have all project approvals from the Queensland Government and are not permitted to start work.

“We believe that the environment and water resources in our region are in danger of irreversible damage with a company like Adani breaking their conditions,” says NQCC’s Campaigns Manager, Tarquin Moon.

“The public has no confidence in Adani who we find out today, is in breach of their conditions and last week they were fined for another breach of an emissions license at the Abbot Point port.”

The Adani mine will suck out at least 270 billion litres of groundwater over the life of the mine and put aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin at risk. Adani is alleged to have started illegally drilling for bores in a region that has been drought-declared for several months.

“To Adani, water becomes an inconvenience as it flows in on their underground mines and yet landholders in this drought-declared area work hard to conserve every drop.”

“The Government’s conditions are to protect our state from irresponsible behaviour but how can we be sure when this is not Adani’s first breach and it certainly won’t be the last?”

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*NQCC is the voice for the environment in North Queensland, campaigning as the peak non-government environmental organisation in our region since 1974.
We protect the environment through advocacy and education, promote the values of the natural environment, and engage with policy and planning processes to advocate ecologically sustainable development.*