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Polling Shows Major Concern in North Queensland Over Adani's mine

North Queensland Conservation Council says recent polling demonstrates that the majority of the public in north Queensland do not support the Adani's Carmichael mine being propped up by public money.

The Reachtel polling conducted on 28th and 29th of November has revealed 60% of respondents in key Queensland regional electorates do not support the state government giving special deals and subsidies to Adani.

The survey showed that in Herbert, Dawson and Capricornia in north Queensland, 59.3%, 57.1% and 63.6% of respondents answered that they opposed in response to: *'The Queensland government has offered Adani special deals which mean the company will avoid paying a reported \$370M in royalties, get a \$100 million publicly-funded road upgrade and enjoy a licence to take unlimited water for 60 years. Do you support or oppose the state government giving Adani special deals and subsidies?'*

"This polling shows that people of North Queensland don't support propping up the Adani mine. People are concerned that this project puts our future at risk in terms of regional water supplies and the climate," said NQCC Campaigns Manager, Tarquin Moon.

"If a mine like Adani can't survive without subsidies and special deals then it doesn't make business sense to start with. The damage resulting from a mine like this one will become the burden of all Australians once Adani have made a buck and walk away."

"We want jobs for North Queensland but we also know that the Adani mine puts at risk so many jobs for example the tourism industry that relies on a stable climate to maintain our world-class Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area,' she said.

The Carmichael coal mine, if it were to go ahead would be the first mine in the yet untapped Galilee coal basin. If all the proposed coal mines in the Galilee were to be built and achieve their proposed maximum output, they would produce 330m tonnes of coal a year. This is more than the entire emissions from Australia's coal industry at present. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) this year warned that global emissions of greenhouse gas pollution must reach zero by about 2050 in order to stop global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius.

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