

## **MEDIA RELEASE – 24/05/19**

### **Adani is not the answer for North Queensland!**

North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC) has a message to the QLD Premier that North Queensland needs long-term stable jobs, not Adani! As the Premier takes action to secure a timeline for a resolution of the Adani approvals, it does not change the tremendous impact that the mine will have on groundwater, threatened species, bore-water and the climate.

“Approvals for the Adani mine has been lengthy because risks to the environment is huge including a major contribution to the warming of the climate which is already a problem for North Queensland,” said Campaigns Manager, Tarquin Moon.

“North Queenslanders need long-term, steady jobs that don’t endanger our climate. Adani will give us more headaches than it is worth!” she said.

“The Adani mine is one of nine mines in the Galilee Basin, a yet untouched basin that together will make it the second biggest fossil fuel expansion proposed anywhere in the world,” said Tarquin Moon.

“We should not put water for farming communities at risk, allow the loss of habitat for threatened species or subject the Great Barrier Reef to a warmer climate,” said Tarquin Moon.

Australia has already experienced how [coal mining jobs that are subject to boom and bust cycles](#) and do not provide the long term, steady employment needed in North Queensland.

Adani’s Carmichael thermal 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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*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. Our region covers the coast from Cardwell in the north, south to Bowen and west to the Northern Territory.*