

HOW TO #STOPADANI



Global warming threatens our way of life. Droughts, rising tides, supercharged storms, floods and bushfires threaten Australian families and our homes.

Mining, burning and exporting coal is the key contribution Australia makes to this global climate crisis.

Adani are committed to digging the biggest ever coal mine in Australian history, and one of the biggest on Earth. It would ride roughshod over Aboriginal land rights; see 500 additional coal ships travel through the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area every year for up to 60 years; drain at least 270 billion litres of precious groundwater and add up to 4.6 billion tonnes of carbon pollution over its lifetime. Critically, Adani's Carmichael mine would unlock the Galilee Basin, one of the largest untapped coal reserves on Earth, paving the way for at least eight more coal mines.

We must stop this mine, and break the stranglehold the coal lobby has over Australian politics. When we win, we will do more than stop one mine: we will fundamentally shift Australian politics and give ourselves a chance at a future that is safe enough to live in.

What have we achieved in the fight to #StopAdani?

Exposing Adani's track record and demonstrating opposition to the project (February onwards). The year started with the [Adani Dirt File](#) summarising some of Adani's dodgy track record, and revelations that Adani's web of companies lead to tax havens in the Cayman Islands. In March, a community delegation confronted Premier Palaszczuk in India to share the story of Adani's impacts on farmers and reef tourism operators.

Building a movement (April onwards). We kick-started our alliance with 13 community groups and a national roadshow, with 4,000 people attending and 40,000 watching online.

We formed more than 160 local #StopAdani groups, hosting over 500 local *Guarding the Galilee* and *A Mighty Force* film screening events with around 15,000 attending. We supported people to take action with over 1000 registered events in our first year; growing to 38 alliance members representing over two million people.

Stopping the money (May onwards). Over three years, the movement organised more than 3000 actions at local branches of Westpac, with more at CommBank and others. Now 28 financial institutions have ruled out investing in Adani, including Westpac, CommBank, and four of the world's biggest banks.

Shifting the politics (July onwards). By mid-year local groups were meeting with their MPs, setting up rosters to call and visit them. Communities surveyed local residents and presented the views of thousands of constituents to their MPs. People organised more than 160 community protest actions at MP offices across 50 electorates. So far, 22 Federal MPs and Senators have spoken publicly in opposition to the Adani mine. A larger group of politicians have gone on the record to oppose public funding for Adani.

Big Day of Action (7 October). Following an explosive [Four Corners episode](#) on Adani, the Stop Adani movement organised more than [65 human sign actions](#) across Australia, with more than 20,000 people spelling out #StopAdani.

Stopped the \$1 billion public loan (December). In Queensland, twelve months of community action came to a climax in the state election with door knocking, public meetings, and calling parties across Australia to speak with voters in key electorates. In the 10 days before the election, the Stop Adani movement made more calls than either major party did in the entire election campaign.

And we succeeded: our sustained pressure pushed the Queensland government to veto the \$1 billion loan to Adani's coal rail project in December.

In the final weeks of 2017, we also secured commitments from Chinese banks that they would not finance Adani's mine, and Downer broke their \$2 billion deal to build Adani's mine.

In early 2018, we ensured Aurizon withdrew their public loan application to build Adani's rail line; made our mark in the Batman by-election; and ramped up the pressure on Federal Labor to take a stronger position on Adani. Along the way, we have continued to build public opposition and a growing movement.

What is Adani's plan to dig the mine?

Adani is determined to proceed with Australia's biggest ever coal mine. The Adani family's wealth has approximately doubled over the past two years (now around US\$12 billion). The Adani family can use this vast wealth to raise finance to fund the Carmichael project themselves. The Adani family have also invested too much in the Carmichael mine and the Abbot Point Port to simply walk away.

Here is what Adani needs to do next:

1. Defeat the Wangan and Jagalingou

Traditional Owners Council in court and secure an Indigenous Land Use Agreement;

2. **Maintain political support** and "everyone in North Queensland is 100% behind Adani" story;

3. **Secure all other final approvals** including for the necessary water plans;

4. **Lock in more taxpayer subsidies**, including federal money, and state royalty discounts;

5. **Raise and commit several billion dollars** to dig the mine and lay the railway.

If billionaire CEO Gautam Adani is going to invest billions of his own money in the project, he needs to be confident the mine will have ongoing political support, and not have any permits cancelled.

Adani's best chance could now be to fund the project themselves, and start to dig sooner rather than later. This would help Adani maintain momentum and get the project underway so they can prevent any political commitments that might get in their way.

What's our plan to #StopAdani?

Adani's mine can only go ahead with support from both major political parties.

Over the past month, Bill Shorten has [expressed concerns about Adani](#). But the Labor Party has not yet committed to stop Adani's mine. **Getting Labor to publicly commit to stop Adani's mine is our #1 goal in the next three months.**

If Labor commit to stop the mine, Adani will struggle to commit the billions in finance. If Labor are elected, and they face community pressure to deliver, Adani's mine will be stopped.

To achieve this, we must generate unprecedented, relentless and organised political pressure, through targeted community organising and sustained creative mobilising.

Here's how we are going to do it:

1. **Build our movement** and maintain the drumbeat of why we need to stop Adani;

2. **Push Labor to commit to #StopAdani** by building pressure internally and publicly;

3. **Turn up the heat on the Liberal National Coalition** to stop public money and revoke approvals for Adani;

4. **Keep pressure on QLD Labor** to stop approvals and public subsidies for Adani; and

5. **Grow our community in Northern Queensland** to open up political space to move Australia beyond coal.

We will not stop until this project is dead and Australia is committed to moving beyond coal. We will continue to place relentless pressure on our MPs: calling, visiting, protesting every day to prevent the Federal government from providing public funds to Adani, and ensure Labor commits to stopping Adani's mine, reflecting the wishes of the majority of Australians.

Wherever our politicians turn, they must to be confronted with the dilemma: #StopAdani or face growing community opposition.

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