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In 2021, the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail project in the Galilee Basin in Central Queensland, Australia, produced its first shipment of coal. This mine has Government approval to produce 60 million tonnes of coal annually. The development of the mine resulted in the extinguishing of native title over Wangan and Jagalingou Indigenous country. This was on the basis of the mine being classed as “critical infrastructure”. This sends a major message to the public and to the Indigenous communities of the injustice founded on the basis of an incredible power imbalance where the agendas of political and economic pursuit are placed above cultural respect and partnership with people that have been looking after the land for thousands of years.

Whilst Adani has stated a close partnership with the Indigenous groups of the area “to ensure the customs and wishes of Indigenous people are respected and supported”, Indigenous people have never given free, prior and informed consent to the coal mine. It was found that in 2021, Adani attempted to bury a study that found Adani violated international human rights law in its interactions with the Wangan and Jagalingou people. The development and operation of the mine has significantly impacted cultural heritage sites – in particular the Doongmabulla springs, wetlands located close to the mining site. These springs are a sacred site for Indigenous communities and are nationally significant, with ecological communities that are found nowhere else in the world. Mining activities have the potential to permanently drain this site, resulting in a major decrease in biodiversity and culturally significant heritage.

This injustice is occurring in Central Queensland, in the state just north of where I live in New South Wales, however similar events are occurring across Australia as mining and nuclear stations are being built in areas sacred to Indigenous people.

The #StopAdani organisation/campaign was headed in 2016 and is the largest people-powered campaign in Australian history aiming to stop work at the Adani Carmichael coal mine on the basis of its environmental and cultural violations. In addition the Federal Greens political party openly opposed the Adani mine and was a major feature in their election campaign prior to the development of the mine in 2016.

If the solution were up to me, I would require the development and ongoing coal production proposals to feature centring on the relevant stakeholders, which are primarily the environment and the Indigenous people of the area. In order to maintain work, Adani should regularly prove that their work has minimal impact on these communities.



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# Reminder...

YOU'RE INFRINGING THE CUSTOMS,  
RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT THAT  
WERE HERE BEFORE YOU.

ECONOMIC  
PURSUIT IS MORE  
IMPORTANT

YES. TIME TO  
SCALE BACK AND  
REEVALUATE



pgc\_tahlia The development and ongoing production headed by the Adani Carmichael Coalmine blatantly ignores Indigenous and environmental agendas in pursuit of economic success and reputation.

@ael\_coalmining please place the Indigenous community and the environment at the forefront of your project, and make it genuine this time.

@qldgov @annastaciamp this project needs neither unlimited water resources, nor the extinguishing of Native Title.

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