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CLIMATE CHANGE AUSTRALIA – STOP ADANI CAMPAIGN

STOP ADANI LAUNCH COMES TO THE HASTINGS

Across Australia opposition to the proposed Adani coal mine in central Queensland is growing. The nation-wide movement is spear-headed by the Stop Adani campaign, which now has a branch on the Lower North Coast.

A local launch will be held on Wednesday 19 April at 6.30 pm at the Port Macquarie Glasshouse. The event is hosted by Climate Change Australia (CCA), our local safe climate and clean energy group.

Everyone is invited and can sign up to the event on the official website - http://www.stopadani.com/join_now - Select the 'Show groups' box, then zoom in to Port Macquarie to find Lower North Coast or slide the Groups list down to find us that way.

"Please bring your family and invite your friends – this is an event not to miss if you want to find out more about this important issue, how it affects all Australians, and ways to get involved in stopping it, right here, right now, while we still have time", CCA President Harry Creamer said.

"If this mine goes ahead, it will greatly increase the risk of losing the Great Barrier Reef – directly, through damage from the coal port and bulk coal carriers, and no less harmful, by burning massive amounts of coal that will add to global warming", Mr Creamer said.

"The proposed mine is enormous. The coal dug up will emit 180 million tonnes of CO₂ p.a. which is about a third of Australia's total annual emissions from all sources. It will increase air pollution, contaminate underground water systems, take away Indigenous land rights and threaten 70 000 tourism jobs", he said.

"The jobs claimed for this project are over-stated. Whatever the claims, the company itself said it will only provide 1464 jobs in any one year. Take away jobs lost in tourism and other local resource industries because of competition from the mega mine, and remember that Adani will be using driverless trains and trucks, and it's easy to see how there could be a net loss of jobs from this disastrous project".

"Both federal Coalition and state Labor governments are aggressively supporting this dangerous and destructive project. Gautam Adani is the Indian billionaire planning this, the biggest coal mine in Australia's history, and the

federal government is eager to give one of his companies \$1 billion of public money to build a rail line from the mine to the port for shipping to India", Mr Creamer said.

"This is a monstrous misuse of taxpayers' money which could be spent on funding the nation's schools or any number of projects of direct benefit to Australian citizens. With a complex structure including companies registered in the Cayman Islands, and all the deductions, offsets and subsidies for coal mining, it's easy to see there could be a net loss of revenue to both federal and state governments", he said.

A new documentary, Guarding the Galilee, will be shown during the launch. Presented by Queensland-born actor Michael Caton it runs for 30 minutes and explores the impacts of this project and actions we can take to stop it. Meet local graziers, tourism operators, local residents, leaders of the campaign and others engaged in this fight, and find out what is planned for Australia.

A film trailer is on Youtube at -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c5h-A4iINU>

or on the Stop Adani website at -

<http://www.stopadani.com/film>

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Stop Adani Lower North Coast is an arm of Climate Change Australia Hastings (CCA-H) specifically focused on the Stop Adani campaign. CCA-H is a non party-political safe climate and clean energy group and will support any party or independent with effective policies. We call on our political leaders at federal, state and local levels to take serious action immediately to tackle climate change and increase renewable energy.

Partners in the Stop Adani campaign include - 350.org, ACF, GetUp, Bob Brown Foundation, Sunrise Project, AYCC, Australian Marine Conservation Society, North QLD Conservation Council and local groups in north QLD.

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