

the adani files

A short history of corruption, destruction and criminal activity

Adani is an Indian mining and energy company seeking to build the world's biggest new coal mine in central Queensland's Galilee Basin - the Carmichael mine.

Adani's Carmichael coal mine has become notorious for its sheer scale, and for the damage it will cause to the Great Barrier Reef, to vast quantities of groundwater, to the world's climate, and to threatened species.

But the project's proponent is also fast becoming one of the most controversial companies in the world.

Adani has a documented history of corruption, bribery, and human rights abuses across the world. It's currently facing further criminal investigations for alleged involvement in multi-billion dollar fraud in India.

Despite Adani's appalling track record, the mine's unpopularity, and its enormous environmental and social impacts, Australian Queensland and Federal governments continue to support the Adani project.

Malcolm Turnbull's Federal Government is now preparing to give Adani a \$1 billion taxpayer-subsidised loan to build a rail line from the mine site to the associated coal port, Abbot Point. Polling shows 74.4% of Australians oppose public money being used in this way.

This report brings together new and previously documented evidence that shows Adani are, at their core, a dangerous, criminal organisation, not a viable proponent to be trusted with one of the most environmentally destructive projects in Australian history.

Key Findings

- In 2011, a ship carrying Adani coal sank off the coast of Mumbai, devastating beaches, tourism and marine life. Adani did nothing to clean up the mess for five years. Adani can't be trusted to operate in the Great Barrier Reef.
- Adani's Australian CEO was Director of Operations at another mining company when it poisoned a river in Zambia that people relied on to survive. Adani hid this from the Australian government. Adani can't be trusted with Queensland's water.
- There have been deaths, illness and injuries at Adani workplaces. Reports show Adani have exploited and underpaid their workforce, including using child labour. Adani can't be trusted to follow the rules and look after workers in Australia.
- Adani uses dodgy tax havens in the Cayman Islands to hide assets and revenue. 13 of the 26 Adani subsidiaries registered in Australia are ultimately owned in the Cayman Islands. Companies who pay their taxes don't register themselves in the Cayman Islands.
- Adani was involved in a bribery scandal that involved bribing customs officials, the police, the State pollution control board and more. Companies who obey the law don't have to pay bribes.

Conclusion

This isn't a company that has a chequered past, or a slightly blemished record. This is a company which has proven itself corrupt, destructive and deceitful to its core.

It has no regard for its own workers or the law, much less the environment or the local communities it works in. It operates with a vicious mentality where human or environmental damage are par for course.

The agreements and commitments it makes appear worthless. This is a company that doesn't hesitate before breaking the law, contract conditions or moral boundaries in its reckless pursuit of profit.

Adani's proven track record of environmental destruction, human rights abuses, corruption and illegal dealings should sound a stern warning for any government looking to do business with Adani.

And with an open cut coal mine that risks precious groundwater, the habitat of endangered species and the World Heritage Great Barrier Reef, working with Adani would defy all learning and semblance of good judgement.