

Submission to the Australian Senate on:

Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017

From:

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Dear Senators,

I fully concur with the statements made by Senator Larissa Waters in her second reading speech and would like to add the following points:

1. The global temperature rise is directly proportional to the amount of fossil carbon humans exhaust to the atmosphere. Following the McGlade, Ekins analysis (ref below) and the BREE projections for coal production, Australia will have produced 3132 Mt of coal since 2010 by 23 August 2017 bringing a 1.7degC temperature rise as our contribution to global warming from coal alone. Such a temperature rise kills the GBR dead and drowns our Pacific Islander neighbours along with their amazing cultures. At the current rate of coal production we will have produced 4474 Mt-coal since 2010 by 18 Feb 2020 bringing our share of global warming from coal to 2degC, which is enough to extinguish 50% of species, making life difficult for the remaining species including humans. Witness the effects of the hot days of Feb 2017. So allowing another coal mine to establish, especially when the Galilee basin coal is poor quality high ash even after the 50% clay is washed out with free water belonging to Queenslanders, and after we've overfilled our share of the atmosphere is unconscionable. And still worse providing public money to facilitate our own destruction.
2. It is obvious to a reasonable person that Adani is an overt confidence trickster able to beguile politicians but not the general public. Supporting the Adani enterprise will leave the government reputation in the pits along with an Adani heist of public money and a continuing of the Adani track record of socialising environmental disasters. It is beyond my comprehension as to why support for Adani does not cause embarrassment.

References:

1. "The geographical distribution of fossil fuels unused when limiting global warming to 2 degC" Christophe McGlade & Paul Ekins" doi:10.1038/nature14016