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**To:** [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
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Dear Senator Rachael Siewert,

I would like to express my concern over the Queensland governments failing to address the impacts of hazardous fine coal dust on community and individual health.

There are currently no baseline or longitudinal health studies being done to assess the impacts of coal dust exposure on human, wildlife and agricultural stock.

Coal dust particulates are of great concern because they can travel hundreds of kilometres and contain heavy metals which are toxic at low concentrations. The Adani terminal proposed at Dudgeon Point is just 13 km upwind of downtown Mackay and within 8 km of 13 small townships.

More comprehensive studies need to occur that include the finer PM2.5 coal dust which could jeopardise the health of our communities and region.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Firkin