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Queensland Government standing in the way of jobs

The Queensland Government is effectively blocking the delivery of more than 1,500 direct jobs and new opportunities for Central and Northern Queensland communities,

Adani Mining CEO Lucas Dow has called on the State Government to provide certainty as to the process and timing for getting the outstanding management plans finalised so construction of the mine can get underway.

Earthmoving equipment is now on site and finance is in place, and the Carmichael Project is ready to begin delivering on 1500 direct jobs and 6750 jobs in supporting industries*.

“The best Christmas present Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Treasurer Jackie Trad could give struggling regional communities is certainty that they will not stand in the way of these jobs,” Mr Dow said.

“Queensland has Australia’s highest unemployment rate. People in places like Townsville and Rockhampton are lining up to get these jobs.

“Throughout the last eight years we have met all of the Queensland Government’s criteria, but now we’re seeing the goal posts moved again.

“We have repeatedly said that we do not require State or Federal funding, we have met all of the stringent environmental conditions put in place by the State and we now have the funding in place to start delivering on jobs for people in central and northern Queensland.

“Signing off our remaining plans should be a standard process, which the government has completed for scores of other mines and the coal seam gas industry.

“All we ask is that we be treated in the same way as those other companies, and that the process is fair and consistent.”

Early works to prepare the rail project for construction can now begin under current project approvals but work on the mine will not commence until the management plans are finalised as Adani noted when announcing financing for the project.

The management plans detail how the Carmichael Mine will meet the different conditions within the mine approvals, including the more than 100 that relate to groundwater.

In contrast to processes at the state level, both federal and local governments have provided certainty around processes and associated timings throughout the project’s lifecycle.

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"We have worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to accommodate the State Government's requirements and feedback within the pending management plans only to be now told at the eleventh hour that the State Government is not ready to endorse these plans," he said.

"We're certainly not asking for special treatment, it's just time the Queensland Government comes to the party."

The first earthworks equipment arrived at the mine site, 300km from the coast in Central Queensland yesterday.

*The Queensland Resources Council's economic modelling states for every 1 direct job in the Queensland resources industry, 4.5 additional indirect jobs are supported. There will be approximately 1500 direct jobs during the initial construction and ramp up of the Carmichael Project, which will support 6750 additional jobs.

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