

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Adani Mining response to ABC article on groundwater bores

Adani has issued the following response to ABC News journalist Joshua Robertson following enquiries he made in relation to groundwater bores.

Josh,

We note you are requesting a response within three business days over the Christmas period and that you sent your inquiry to us after 5pm on the Friday before Christmas. As always, Adani is happy to co-operate with your enquiries, but we ask that you publish our response in full, rather than only cherry picking certain phrases as you have done in the past.

Our response for publication and broadcast is:

"When these allegations were raised in [September](#) we made it clear we were not dewatering for mining operations.

Drilling had been undertaken at the Carmichael mine site to take geological samples and monitor underground water levels and we sent the regulator reports on these bores, which are publicly available online. These were project stage one activities as permitted under Environmental Authority for the mine, which was issued in April 2016.

Adani has since cooperated with both relevant State and Commonwealth Departments regarding these allegations. Adani has at all times complied with its legal obligations and will continue to do so.

Adani is disappointed that the ABC continues to act as the mouthpiece for organisations like the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) and Coast and Country, which continually make claims that are later proven false.

For example, the EDO's purported client, Coast and Country, has taken unsuccessful legal action against Adani on previous occasions and had costs awarded by the Court against it.

To avoid paying those costs orders, Coast and Country placed the relevant entities to the litigation into liquidation and has then proceeded to create new entities to enable them to make further baseless allegations using the "Coast and Country" name. The ABC should consider the track record of the parties making these allegations.

Adani will continue to comply with all of its legal obligations whilst it focuses on creating jobs for regional Queensland."

Editor's Notes:

The Carmichael Mine Environmental Authority can accessed here:

<https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/env-authorities/>

Reports on Adani Mining's groundwater monitoring bores:

http://resources.information.qld.gov.au/groundwater/reports/borereport?gw_pub_borecard&p_rn=165581

http://resources.information.qld.gov.au/groundwater/reports/borereport?gw_pub_borecard&p_rn=165582

http://resources.information.qld.gov.au/groundwater/reports/borereport?gw_pub_borecard&p_rn=165584

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