

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Adani Mining response to ABC**

**Adani has issued the following response to the ABC following enquiries made about the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan and billboard advertising:**

“We continue to respond to requests from regulators in a timely way to allow the management plans to be finalised.

“At the end of November we announced that we had financed the mine. We said preparatory works at the mine site were imminent and we were working with regulators to finalise the remaining required management plans ahead of coal production, some of which have been subject to two years of state and federal government review. We said the process was expected to be complete and provided by the Governments in the next few weeks.

“That timeframe was based on the time taken for similar regulatory processes for other projects and reflected the then status of discussions with federal and state government officials.

“The full statement can be accessed on our [website](#).

“We have since moved the first earthmoving equipment to the site to be ready to commence work once the outstanding management plans are finalised. 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 we noted when announcing financing for the project.

“Our advertisements in Brisbane and regional Queensland highlight that we are ready to deliver the jobs and business opportunities that we have promised for Queensland.

“This follows eight years of planning, securing approvals and successfully contesting legal challenges from anti-mining activists.

“The project stacks up both environmentally and financially. We have all our environmental approvals in place and the outstanding management plans detail how we will meet the conditions of some of the project approvals.

“Given we meet the same environmental standards and operate under the same regulations as other miners, we expect that Adani Mining will be treated no differently than any other Queensland mining company.

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

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