

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Adani rejects Black-throated Finch Management Plan review panel final report

This statement can be attributed to an Adani Mining spokesperson:

"Late last night Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science sent us the final report from the external review of our Black-throated Finch Management Plan.

"To say we're disappointed in the final version is an understatement. The Department has ignored the feedback that we provided to them last week on the plan and has not addressed the issues we raised.

"The final report still contains false and inaccurate statements about the management plan, including hysterical claims on local extinction, which directly conflict with the scientific advice the Queensland and Australian Governments have relied upon to date.

"We reject the report and its findings in their entirety.

The report still contains unverified opinions regarding climate change and other projects in the Galilee Basin which are completely outside the scope of the Black-throated Finch Management Plan.

"This still reads as an anti-Adani lobbying document, dressed up as science.

"We note that one of the few things that has changed from the draft to the final version, is the removal of formal references to the work of April Reside, a person who has been actively campaigning against the Carmichael Project for years.

"On many occasions we have stated our grave concerns that a person such as Prof. Brendan Wintle who leads an organisation with individuals who have made anti-coal, anti-mining and anti-Adani statements in the past, could not possibly lead a review of our Black-throated Finch Management Plan without such strongly held views prejudicing the contents of the report.

"We remain committed to advancing our project and to this end we will continue to work with the Queensland Government so that these plans can be concluded and we can get on with delivering the thousands of jobs our project will deliver.

"One thing is for certain – we're not going anywhere. We're committed to the regions. We're committed to providing desperately needed jobs. We're committed to delivering the Carmichael Project for regional Queensland."

"The Queensland Government keeps shifting the goal posts for Adani. We are simply seeking a fair go."

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