

STATEMENT FROM ADANI MINING

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This statement can be attributed to the CEO of Adani Mining, Mr Lucas Dow.

“To say the Queensland Government is not interfering in approvals processes for the Carmichael Project is farcical, considering letters from the Premier’s office have been leaked to ABC today whilst the Premier is overseas, ironically to secure international investment and develop export opportunities.

“We have repeatedly stated what is required to get started on construction of the mine, which is sign-off on the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan and the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan. Other management plans and approvals processes can come later, in line with standard processes for getting a mine and rail project up and running. It’s time for the Queensland Premier and Deputy Premier to come clean and stop the delaying and political tactics.

“All we’ve ever asked for is a fair go and to be treated like any other mining company, yet this is far from what we’ve experienced.

“The Black-Throated Finch Management Plan has been sitting with the Queensland Government for more than 18 months, with seven versions having been provided all of which have incorporated State Department feedback and input. This plan has also been subject to an eleventh hour, so called “independent” review led by an individual who heads up an organisation whose members have publicly stated anti-mining, anti-coal agendas.

“The Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan has been under review by the Queensland Government for more than two years now and they are currently looking at the 11th version. To suggest they are being pushed into a decision without enough time for review is just another political ploy and distraction to avoid making a decision. The Queensland Government continues to refuse providing certainty of process and timing.

“It’s time once and for all for the Queensland Government to stop shifting the goal posts on Adani in order to do the Labor Party’s bidding. This Labor government is putting the jobs and livelihoods of Queenslanders at risk.

“We need clarity of timing and process as to when the Queensland Government will finalise their decisions on the two outstanding management plans. They have everything they need to make a decision. It’s time for them to get the job done so that we can deliver thousands of jobs for regional Queensland.”

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