

MEDIA STATEMENT

16 July 2019

Adani cleared on drilling claims and responds to prosecution

The following statement can be attributed to an Adani spokesperson:

Today the Department of Environment and Science (DES) has publicly cleared Adani of unsubstantiated allegations made last year by activist group Coast and Country about Adani's drilling programs.

In a statement made to media today, DES said:

“DES has also received allegations relating to clearing of land undertaken by Adani at the Carmichael mine site in 2018 for the construction of dewatering bores, and in 2019 for the construction of drill pads and LOX lines.

“DES has formed the view that Adani has not contravened the applicable conditions of its approval and that view is confirmed by barrister Stephen Keim S.C.”

This means that Adani Mining has been fully cleared by both the Federal and State environmental regulators of the false claims made by the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) for its client Coast and Country last year.

Adani has also learned today that the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science has chosen to prosecute Adani Mining for an administrative error in our 2017/18 Annual Return for the Carmichael mine, which we self-reported in September last year.

We have been notified that the prosecution will proceed despite the fact all relevant works were legal and fully complied with our project conditions, and despite there being no environmental harm.

We will assess the documentation relating to the prosecution in consultation with the Department of Environment and Science, and participate in the relevant legal processes required to resolve this matter.

Improvements to internal processes were introduced at the time the administrative error was discovered and reported by us to ensure paperwork errors of this nature are avoided in the future.

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Editors' Notes:

The Annual Return is a document that mining proponents are required to deliver to the Department of Environment and Science as part of their general environmental reporting obligations.

Areas on the Mining Lease that were disturbed during the final three-and-a-half weeks of the annual return period should have been included in the annual return, and exploration disturbance prior to the reporting period should have been carried across. When we saw the error we immediately provided this information to the regulator and subsequently released it publicly (see attachment to this statement).

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FACT SHEET

Adani self-reports on administrative error

Due to an administrative paperwork error, disturbance to land on our Mining Lease caused by the following permitted activities was not included in our 2017/2018 Annual Return for the Carmichael mine.

We are required to provide the information as part of our general environmental reporting obligations.

The permitted activities that occurred during a three-and-a-half week period between 9 March 2018 and 2 April 2018 were:

- Clearing of land for drill pads and access tracks for six ground water test bores and five ground water monitoring bores. The land is on the Moray Downs pastoral lease, which is owned by Adani.
- For each bore we cleared a narrow vehicle access track to give access to a drill rig and support vehicles and an area less than the size of a tennis court around the drill hole, which is required as a workplace safety precaution.
- The photographs below give an example of the work.
- Between 148m² and 980m² was cleared for each track as some were longer than others
- Between 30m² and 270m² was cleared for each drill pad
- In total approximately 5.8 hectares were cleared.



These photos show examples of site clearing. This permitted activity should have been included in our 2017/18 Annual Return for the Carmichael mine.

The total area of disturbance prior to the reporting period (127 hectares, as set out in the Plan of Operations) should have been carried across.

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