

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

29 August 2019

### **Adani response to ABC enquiry on the process for accessing a landholder's property**

Today we received an enquiry from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation regarding Traditional Owners accessing our property to practice cultural ceremonies. We welcome you to read our full response below.

*The following statement can be attributed to and Adani Mining spokesperson:*

*"We have deep respect for the traditions and customs of our Traditional Owners, particularly the Wangan and Jagalingou People.*

*"The normal process for accessing any landholders' property, sees a request made to the landholder to access the country in order to visit or undertake cultural ceremonies. This process was not undertaken on this occasion by Mr Burragubba, accordingly any movement on our land by Mr Burragubba or others is unauthorised.*

*"Should people choose to access our property in the future without first making a request to us we will decide what action to take at the time depending on the circumstances.*

*"Like any other landholder we have a responsibility to be aware of who is on our property, that they are kept safe, and accessing or traversing our property in a planned and orderly manner, especially considering there are farming activities in addition to construction activities currently being undertaken onsite.*

*"Unauthorised access under Queensland law amounts to trespass, and as any responsible landholder should, we have notified Mr Burragubba and advised him of the appropriate process for accessing and traversing property under leases we hold.*

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*"We are very supportive of our Traditional Owners undertaking cultural practices and ceremonies on their traditional lands and on our site, and as a responsible landholder we will continue to ensure that when people do wish to access our site, they are able to do so in a planned, safe, and respectful manner, that ensures both Adani and anyone on the property are compliant with the law."*

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