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This is the proposed table that will go online before 5pm today

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F	Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (CW)	Stage 1 construction - 31 May 2019	

				Stage 2 commissioning of rollingstock - 31 July 2019	
G	Royalties Agreement		Queensland Treasury	Date to be agreed by end June 2019	Date agreed as 30 September

Notes

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Rachel

2 key milestones due today will be met – thanks to QT and DNRME

Attached is the table I propose to update online Monday morning

The ONSR is imminent also and may be done in time

Thanks

Barry

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E	DTMR, Isaac RC, Whitsunday RC	30 September 2019	
F	Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (CW)	Stage 1 construction - 31 May 2019	Stage approval granted (pending)

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This is the proposed final version, just agreed with Adani and DES

Please advise any issues

It would go on our OCG website under the Carmichael project

Will await timing etc

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D	License to build and operate rail line (DAS)	Coordinator-General	31 July 2019
E	Infrastructure & Interface Agreements	DTMR, Isaac RC, Whitsunday RC	30 September 2019
F	Accreditation as a Rail Infrastructure Manager (RIM) and Rolling Stock Operator (RSO)	Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (CW)	Stage 1 construction - 31 May 2019 Stage 2 commissioning of rollingstock - 31 July 2019
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Looking good now RH

This is the final table as before, going on our website now

It wont be linked to the Ps release



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This is the type of format Im considering to update the table in the future

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Attachments: CSIRO-Geoscience Australia QDES AdviceJun2019(Secured).pdf; ATT00001.htm; DES GDEMP_CSIRO_GA Feedback 7 June 2019.pdf; ATT00002.htm; Letter_DES GDEMP (CSIRO_GA) Feedback 7 June 2019.pdf; ATT00003.htm

FYI

DES has met its commitments re timelines.

Jamie

Sent from my iPhone

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Good evening [REDACTED]

Please see attached correspondence.

Kind regards,
Melissa.

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Rachel

Heres the current version of the table, not finalised

Jamie wanted one word changed that Ive just done

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From: Barry Broe <Barry.Broe@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au>
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Australian online

Great respect shown – Mr Broe

Adani: Queensland government approves bird protection plan



The

southern black-throated finch.

- **SARAH ELKS**

QUEENSLAND POLITICAL REPORTER

@sarahelks

- 28 MINUTES AGO MAY 31, 2019
- NO COMMENTS

Adani has cleared one of the major hurdles for its controversial Carmichael coal mine proposal, after the Queensland environment department approved its black-throated finch management plan.

The state's Coordinator-General Barry Broe confirmed the Queensland Department of Environment and Science had given the green light to Adani's strategy to protect the endangered bird on its central Queensland mine site.

The first iteration of Adani's finch management plan — which includes a commitment to create a 33,000ha conservation area on a cattle station owned by the company — was submitted to the state and federal governments in May 2017.

Adani has been pressing for the approvals from the department for months and last week Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk finally gave in to demands that she intervene, ordering high-level talks between the company, the department and the state's Co-ordinator-General.

Ms Palaszczuk had said federal Labor's drubbing in regional Queensland at the recent election — partly blamed on the state government's stalling on Adani and an internal revolt by her

regional MPs — delivered a “wake-up call” and prompted her to declare she was “fed up” with her own department’s processes.

Adani is now waiting for one more approval from the department, for its groundwater management plan. The department will make a decision by June 13, but is waiting for advice from the CSIRO and Geosciences Australia.

If the Indian mining conglomerate gets that green light, it says it will immediately begin construction on its \$2bn coal mine and rail project in the nascent Galilee Basin, in central Queensland.

Mr Broe has also set out a series of deadlines for other project milestones, such as a license to build and operate a rail line, for later in the year.



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Dear Rachel

For information.

Jamie



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Draft media release

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GDEMP approved

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) approved Adani's Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) today.

Adani submitted its most recent version of the plan, addressing the department's feedback, yesterday.

The GDEMP's assessment has been rigorous and based on the best available science. DES and Adani have met regularly to ensure the plan is robust and provides the maximum environmental protection.

In assessing the plan, both Adani and DES took on board advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia – the same advice considered by the Commonwealth Government in approving an earlier version of the GDEMP in April this year.

DES sought further clarification and advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia, which it received on 7 June 2019.

Based on this advice, DES is satisfied that the GDEMP sufficiently establishes the main source aquifer of the springs as the Clematis Sandstone.

CSIRO and Geoscience Australia also confirmed that some level of uncertainty in geological and groundwater conceptual models always exists.

DES has required additional commitments from Adani to undertake further scientific work over the next two years. This is required to identify any potential contribution from other aquifers and strengthen the GDEMP.

Additional commitments in the approved GDEMP include:

- Further work to improve the understanding of the source aquifers of springs in the locality, particularly the Doongmabulla Springs Complex, including:
 - Undertaking detailed hydrogeochemical analysis of groundwater and spring samples from different springs within each spring complex
 - Undertaking isotopic analysis (including noble, radioactive gases and strontium isotopes where isotopic analysis is not sufficient)
 - Examining core samples from new bores to attain a better understanding of hydraulic properties and provide detailed geological mapping

- Incorporating air-borne electro-magnetic modelling undertaken by Geoscience Australia to improve hydrogeological understanding of the area.
- Using a bore in the Dunda Beds (also known as the Rewan Formation) as an early warning trigger for groundwater drawdown monitoring in the Carmichael River.

Additional measures in the GDEMP also address concerns raised last week by Flinders University scientists that the Permian aquifers should not be ruled out as a Doongmabulla Springs Complex source.

These include installing a new bore below the Rewan Formation, in the vicinity of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex, to assist in determining if the Permian aquifers (Colinlea) form a source for the springs.

Adani is also required to review hydrological, hydrochemistry analyses and seismic information as part of its second geological and groundwater remodelling after box cut mining starts, and review seismic information pertaining underground mining impacts (which is scheduled to start in year 10 of the project). Further seismic studies may also need to be undertaken.

Underground mining will not commence until these actions are completed and only if predicted impacts are consistent with approved impacts. Likewise, if the hydrogeological conceptualisation differs from that of the approved project, approval must be sought prior to relevant impact causing activities.

The GDEMP is the second of the two environmental management plans (the other being the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan, approved on 31 May) that needed to be approved before Adani could begin significant mining activities at its Carmichael mine site.

Both plans are a requirement of Adani's EA.

For details of what constitutes "significant mining activities", refer to Appendix 1 – Definitions of the EA for the Carmichael mine, available at <https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/env-authorities/pdf/epml01470513.pdf>.

ENDS



Department of
Environment and Science

Our Ref: Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan

13 June 2019


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Head of Environment and Sustainability
Adani Mining Pty Ltd
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Dear [Redacted]

As a delegate under the Environmental Protection Act 1994, I have decided to approve the *Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan – Carmichael Coal Mine Project version 12a (June 2019)* as required by the Carmichael Coal Mine Environmental Authority (EPML01470513). The submitted Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan satisfies the requirements of environmental authority conditions I11, I12, I13 and the definition requirements in Appendix A of the environmental authority.

Should you require any further information, please contact me on telephone (07) 4987 9356 or by email at juliana.mccosker@des.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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Subject: updated contentious issue briefs for Townsville Regional visit

Hello,

The Office of the Premier requested 2 additional briefs be added to the Townsville Regional Visit Pack which had been prepared in early May.

Please find attached an updated contentious issues pack for Townsville.

DOC/19/102425 Updated Townsville Regional Visit - 22 May 2019 -
Contentious Issues

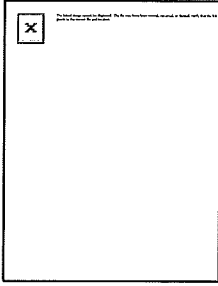
The additional Briefs are:

- 26 Townsville Correctional Centre – Prisoner Overcrowding
- 27 Townsville Correctional Centre – Protected Industrial Action

If you have any questions please contact me

Thanks and regards

Fran



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Adani – Carmichael Coal Mine and Port Operations

Key Facts

- On 2 February 2016, an environmental authority (EA) for the Carmichael Coal Mine (coal mine) was granted to Adani Mining Pty Ltd (Adani) and took effect on the granting of the mining leases on 3 April 2016.
- All major approvals for Adani's mine, rail and port projects have been obtained. Since early 2015, 46 project approvals have been granted and 55 key approval milestones reached.
- On 29 November 2018, Adani Group announced it would finance 100 per cent of the coal mine and rail project.
- The Government continues to work with Adani on several outstanding approvals, including for the rail corridor, land use, and plans to manage the project's impacts on groundwater and the endangered black-throated finch.

Key Issues

Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill

- On 31 October 2018, Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar introduced the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill (the Bill) into the Parliament.
- The objective of the Bill, as outlined by Mr Berkman, is to contribute to Australia's commitments to pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels by 2100 by preventing any coal mining in the Galilee Basin.
- The State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Parliamentary Committee considered the Bill and tabled their report on 18 April 2019.
- The committee recommended the Bill not be passed and that the State Government advocate for a consistent national framework for climate change policy and emission targets, as the current federal policy instability may hinder Queensland's adoption of future climate change actions and pathways.

Environmental approvals

- Significant mining activities cannot commence until two management plans are approved by the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and the Federal Government:
 - the Black-throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP); and
 - the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDMEP).
- DES engaged experts to undertake independent scientific reviews for each plan. These independent scientific reviews will ensure plans are consistent with the best environmental and conservation science, and the advice received is beyond reproach in terms of its objectivity.
- DES will await the outcome of the reviews before making a decision. There is no statutory timeframe for the assessment of the plans.

GDMEP

- The GDMEP must identify the source aquifer of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex and methodology used to determine the source.
- On 9 April 2019, DES received the most recent version of the GDMEP from Adani, and the finalised independent scientific review by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia from the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE)
- On 9 April 2019, the Hon Melissa Price MP, Federal Minister for the Environment approved the GDMEP.
- DES is considering the review findings and the updated GDMEP to ensure the plan meets the State's requirements.
- DES has not yet approved the GDMEP.

BTFMP

- The State and Federal governments approvals authorise impacts to the Black-throated Finch population and habitat; however, the BTFMP must detail the management, mitigation measures and monitoring to minimise impacts.
- In December 2018, the most recent version of the BTFMP was submitted. On 18 December 2018, the DoEE approved the BTFMP.

- Given the site of the Carmichael Coal Mine hosts the most significant known population of the Black-throated Finch in Australia, DES engaged an independent expert panel to review the BTFMP.
- On 18 February 2019, the review's final report was provided to Adani for consideration. On 15 March 2019 and 2 April 2019, Adani provided submissions to DES on the review.
- DES is assessing if the BTFMP meets the EA requirements and subsequently can be approved.
- DES has not yet approved the BTFMP.

Amendment to environmental authority

- On 31 January 2019, DES approved Adani's amendment application and issued the amended EA. This amended EA changes the layout of site water storages and does not increase the overall disturbance footprint of the mine.
- Any disturbance associated with the water storages cannot take place until the GDEMP and BTFMP are approved.

Environmental investigations:

- In September 2018, DES commenced a formal investigation into mining activities at Carmichael after receiving allegations of dewatering bores being constructed and vegetation being cleared.

Plan of Operations and Financial Assurance

- Existing financial assurance (FA) of \$11,559,731 is held by the State Government.
- On 5 April 2019, DES increased the FA to \$15,824,063.
- Adani Mining Pty Ltd are required to lodge the additional FA as cash into a DES bank account by 9 May 2019.

Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)

- On 16 April 2016, following authorisation by a large majority of the Wangan and Jagalingou people (W & J), seven of the 12 applicants of the W & J Native Title claim signed an ILUA with Adani for the development of the Carmichael Coal Mine project.
- On 8 December 2017, the ILUA was registered by the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT).

- Five of the W & J Native Title claim applicants who had not signed the W & J Adani ILUA commenced proceedings in the Federal Court to challenge several aspects of the ILUA, led by Adrian Burragubba, spokesman for the W & J Traditional Owners Family Council (W&J).
- On 17 August 2018, the Federal Court dismissed the application and the applicants (W&J) were ordered to pay the sum of \$637,960.32 in legal costs incurred by Adani and Queensland South Native Title Services. Subsequently, Adani presented a creditors petition to the Federal Court seeking payment by Adrian Burragubba.
- On 25 January 2019, ABC News reported Grata Fund had agreed to pay the \$50,000 surety so W&J could appeal the court ruling. Grata Fund maintains the appeal will resolve an important question of Australian native title law – that the law requires that members of a Native Title group, must give their free, prior and informed consent.
- The appeal is listed for the 3 May 2019.

Anti-Adani Protests

- On 17 April 2019, Bob Brown Foundation's, *Stop Adani Convoy*, departed Hobart and held rallies at Sydney, Mullumbimby, Brisbane, Rockhampton and Airlie Beach. The convoy, of approximately 400 people, travelled to Clermont for a protest event on 28 April 2019.
- There have been several media reports on the rallies, especially when the convoy was at Clermont Media reported Clermont police stated claims of violent clashes were exaggerated and there had been no official complaints from either pro or anti- Adani protesters.
- In Clermont, an incident occurred when a man rode his horse into the showgrounds where the convoy was gathered, and a woman was injured. The man was charged and the matter is before the courts.
- On 29 April 2019, the convoy left Clermont to travel to Canberra for the final event on 5 May 2019, *Rally for Climate in Canberra*.

Port of Abbot Port and rail corridor

- Adani owns the existing coal terminal at the port and the first stage of the mine can be accommodated without any major expansion.
- In October 2017, the Coordinator-General acquired most of the land required for a rail corridor. Adani provided a \$45 million cash security for land acquisition costs – resulting in the State Government not incurring any land acquisition costs.

- In September 2018, Adani announced it would no longer develop its own rail line to the Port of Abbot Point but use the existing Aurizon rail line with a new connection from the mine to be constructed.
- The Coordinator-General and Adani entered an early works deed under which a licence has been provided to Adani until 30 April 2020 to enter acquired land to carry out pre-construction investigations.
- The Coordinator-General has not decided on how to deal with the land acquired for the rail corridor which is no longer required.
- Adani requested progression of negotiations on the construction licence with the Coordinator-General. Subsequently, a Project Control Group (PCG) was established, comprising representatives from various agencies, to resolve the matters relating to the construction licence and sublease of the rail line. The PCG agreed several issues should be elevated for confirmation of the State's position in light of the changed project.
- Abbot Point Bulkcoal Pty Ltd (APBC) (an Adani subsidiary) holds two EAs for Abbot Point Coal Terminal.

2017 Discharge for Abbot Point Coal Terminal

- In March 2017, APBC reported a discharge from Abbot Point Coal Terminal during Tropical Cyclone (TC) Debbie, which exceeded its temporary emissions licence – with no known environmental impacts due to the discharge.
- In response to the discharge, on 20 July 2017, DES issued a penalty infringement notice (PIN) totalling \$12,190 to APBC.
- APBC elected to contest the PIN and subsequently DES conducted a formal investigation in accordance with its usual practice. In September 2018, DES commenced prosecution proceedings against APBC. The matter has been listed for a five-day hearing commencing 22 July 2019 before the Bowen Magistrates Court.

Caley Wetlands

- DES has investigated potential releases of coal fines from an authorised discharge location into the Caley Valley Wetlands also as a result of TC Debbie in March 2017.
- Following the investigation, DES issued a notice to conduct an environmental evaluation under the *Environmental Protection Act*

1994 to APBC, which was then subject of an appeal to the Planning and Environment Court.

- The matter was reviewed before the Planning and Environment Court on 21 September 2018. The Court made orders by agreement to set aside the environmental evaluation notice.
- DES has commenced its own monitoring of the wetlands.

2019 Release of stormwater from Abbot Point Coal Terminal

- On 7 February 2019, APBC advised DES of the commencement of a release of stormwater from an authorised release point at the Abbot Point Coal Terminal.
- On 8 February 2019, DES collected water samples to assess compliance with the EA conditions. The results indicated the release was not in compliance with the EA.
- After investigating the matter on 25 March 2019, DES issued APBC with a \$13,055 PIN for breaching a condition of its EA. On 18 April 2019, APBC paid the PIN in full.

Airstrip

- In October 2017, Townsville City Council (TCC) approved funds to facilitate TCC's involvement in the development and operation of an airstrip at the mine site within the Isaac Regional Council area.
- TCC set aside \$18.5 million to jointly fund the project with the Rockhampton Regional Council and secured an operating lease for 30 years over the airstrip.
- As Adani scaled back its operation, it does not require an airstrip in the short term and on 1 June 2018, Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor TCC, stated the funds TCC had set aside would be used for other projects instead, pending Adani being able to secure funding for the mine.

Queensland Government response

- The Government supports the Adani project, provided it is commercially viable.
- The Government will monitor Adani to ensure it meets all its environmental regulatory requirements.