



# Fossil Fool Bulletin

*Fossil fools in the spotlight this week: A resource for people working towards a sustainable energy future*

Published by Eve Sinton fossil.fool.bulletin@gmail.com

FFB 1.3 4 DECEMBER 2017

## W&J claimants vote down Adani deal for fourth time, seek injunction

For the fourth time since 2012, W&J Traditional Owners have voted unanimously at an authorisation meeting to reject an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with Adani, underlining their sustained opposition to the mine. On Saturday (2 December) the Traditional Owners also announced they have filed an injunction in the Federal Court against Adani and the Queensland Government, to restrain them should they attempt to extinguish their native title.

Linda Bobongie, the Coordinator for the W&J Applicant, one of the convenors of yesterday's authorisation meeting and Chairperson of the W&J Traditional Owners Council, said, "The ILUA is a bad deal for our people. The W&J people strenuously object to the Carmichael Mine and deplore the degradation that the Adani Mining project will wreak on our culture, environment and ancestral lands".

### **Adani pushing to have ILUA registered before Federal Court hearing in March**

Adrian Burragubba, spokesperson for the W&J Traditional Owners Council, and one of the appellants, says, "Adani is pushing to have their sham ILUA with our people registered before our Federal Court hearing

against it in March next year. They want the Queensland Government to extinguish our native title while pretending to have our consent".

### ***"There will be no surrender of our traditional lands and waters"***

"We have filed an injunction against Adani and the Queensland Government, seeking to restrain them should they attempt to extinguish our native title. There will be no surrender of our traditional lands and waters. Our people voted down the ILUA again yesterday and endorsed the legal challenges to prevent this destructive project."

Murrawah Johnson, youth spokesperson for the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council said, "Our lands and waters, and our rights, will be smashed if this mine goes ahead, and all for a compensation deal that's one of the worst in the country", she said.

The claim meeting received a preliminary report from Murray Meaton, who was awarded an Order of Australia in 2014 for services to the mining industry.

"The report shows the pathetic and uncertain benefits that would be available to W&J in exchange for the extinguishment of

our native title and the destruction of our ancient lands and culture, and the surrender of our rights", she said.

"Adani plans to get richer on the destruction our lands while throwing us some trinkets to keep us quiet. We do not want marginal low paid jobs in a dirty and dying industry. Instead of the crumbs off Adani's table, and the servitude proffered by Governments, we deserve higher education, jobs in sustainable enterprises of the future, and to freely exercise our right to protect our lands and waters and practice our culture."

The claim group meeting also put beyond any doubt that the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council speaks for the claim group against the Adani mine.

Mrs Bobongie concluded, "The authorisation meeting passed a resolution to confirm that the Council advocates for the traditional culture of the claim group, and supports the W&J people to remain connected to our country. Yet again, our people have asserted our right to self-determination and demand that governments and mining proponents respect our right to free, prior and informed consent."

See also:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-03/adani-mine-traditional-owners-want-to-block-native-title-ruling/9221256>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/dec/03/adani-coalmine-traditional-owners-file-injunction>

## Adani turned down by Chinese banks

The ABC reports that a second major Chinese bank has said it will not invest in Adani's controversial Carmichael mine.

Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) issued a statement to clarify it had no intention of funding Adani's proposed mine in Queensland.

"ICBC has not been, and does not intend to be, engaged in arranging financing for this project," ICBC said in a statement on its website.

"ICBC attaches great importance to its social responsibilities and keenly promotes green financing."

Earlier, China Construction Bank also rejected financing links with Adani saying it "is not involved with, nor considering involvement with, the Adani Carmichael Mine project".

See also:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-03/chinese-banks-not-interested-in-financing-adani-carmichael-mine/9221750>

Page 2:

**Nannas put Santos HQ in lockdown on their 100th knit-in**

### **HOW TO SUBSCRIBE**

Send an email to

[fossil.fool.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:fossil.fool.bulletin@gmail.com)

with the word **subscribe** in the text.

**Subscriptions are free.**

**FFB**

# 100th knit-in at Santos: Nannas put Sydney HQ in lockdown



*Nannas from Lismore, the Hunter, Gloucester, the Illawarra, Grafton and Pittwater attended in support of those who have sat every Friday to protest against the proposed project.*

*Photo credits: top left, Daniel Robins; left, Colin Ryan; above, Alison Gibbs.*

Over 100 people gathered in Martin Place last Thursday to mark 100 weeks of protest of the Santos Narrabri coal seam gas proposal.

Media commentator Alan Jones spoke at the event, criticising the Santos proposal, saying his commitment to stopping the proposal is all about the water. He is calling for the protection of farming from coal seam gas.

David Quince, a grazier from Northwest NSW and living under a Santos coal seam gas exploration licence said, “The knitting nannas are at the forefront of the battle against this toxic CSG industry.

“It’s completely unacceptable for Santos and the NSW Government to even be considering putting NSW’s best food growing areas at risk from coal seam gas.”

“Our politicians should be worried

***To mark their 100th straight week of protest, the Nannas marched to Santos HQ to deliver a letter about the Narrabri gasfield and its impacts***

about their children’s lunchboxes for tomorrow, because without water, there is no food.

“Santos has plans for five big gasfields across the Great Artesian Basin and some of NSW most productive agricultural land. It’s a nonsense and it must be stopped.

“Premier Berejiklian should do the right thing by the people of NSW, reject the Santos coal seam gas proposal and protect farmland and groundwater,” he said.

Knitting Nanna Christine Rumble said,

“Today was a huge success. Our Sydney Nannas are joined with Nannas across NSW and around the world. We are growing and we are unstoppable. We will keep protesting, knitting, writing letters, whatever it takes to stop this polluting coal seam gas project.”

“What they’ve done in QLD with coal seam gas makes me so angry. We have to help people facing this,” she said.

Colin Ryan said, “I’ve been coming to Sydney coal seam gas protests for over four years now after travelling to the Pilliga and Gloucester and seeing the companies treat them like toxic waste dumps.

To mark their 100th straight week of protest, the Nannas marched to Santos’ headquarters to deliver a joint letter about the proposed Narrabri CSG gasfield and its impacts on farmers and important water resources.

# People urged to attend pipeline meeting in Coonamble

NSWGasBan is calling for a large crowd to turn up at an Australian Pipeline Association (APA) community consultation meeting on Wednesday, 6 December. The meeting will be held at the Coonamble Bowling Club 11am-1pm followed by a community meeting from 1pm-4pm.

APA attempted to change the meeting from a public one to an appointment only event, but the move was reversed after the issue was raised with the Department of Planning Environment (DPE) by residents.

## Intimidate, divide, conquer

NSWGasBan said, "The decision by APA to move to a one-on-one agenda is absolutely in line with APA's strategy of intimidate, divide and conquer. One of playing neighbour against neighbour by keeping all conversations private. Fortunately, the community is very united and determined to upset this strategy."

"We need a very large crowd this Wednesday to have APA answer to its actions over the last few weeks and send a clear message to APA and the DPE and most importantly government, that the Western Plains pipeline is not to proceed as it facilitates the development of Santo CSG project in the Pilliga."

Moree, Warrumbungle, Coonamble, and Gilgandra shires have been door-knocked with 98% against CSG. Warren shire has recently also declared opposition to CSG and associated industries. On top of this, a record 23,000 submissions were submitted with 22,700 against the project.

"You really have to wonder what is happening at a political level to ignore that level of opposition," NSWGasBan said. "Time will tell. CSG mining in the Pilliga will depressurise and contaminate the Great Artesian Basin (GAB), our single most vital resource. Simply, food vs fuel."

## Catalyst for action

The catalyst for this week's action is events over the last few weeks, brought to a head on Monday Novem-



*A security contractor (holding handycam) identified as having formerly worked for Santos was amongst a group of 11 who trespassed on farms near Coonamble in late November. The group claimed to be doing pipeline survey work for APA's proposed Western Slopes pipeline, which will take Santos gas to market – if the gasfield goes ahead. Photo NSWGasBan #pilligapush.*

ber 20. A group of approximately 11 people were detained by 70 members of the Coonamble community for trespassing on the property Nardoo.

They refused to present identification but insisted they were APA staff and contractors. They sneaked onto the property by climbing over padlocked gates, ignoring the "No Trespass" and Biosecurity signs that clearly displayed the owner's contact number.

The group of 70 farmers, townspeople and indigenous community members called police with the intention of making a number of citizens arrests. The APA told the police that were they had a court order (which did not exist). Consequently these intruders were allowed to leave peacefully. The owners are considering their legal options.

## Illegal entries, damage

This is on the back of two known illegal property entries in the Pilliga area the week before where fences were damaged, one of which hay and carrots were taken onto the property in total disregard to the on farm biosecurity plan. The APA strategy of entering properties with large numbers is very

intimidating to the landholder which is why communities are conducting "neighbourhood watch", on a huge scale.

## Community on high alert

The following day the community was on high alert. The APA stayed overnight in a motel in Warren where the community worked to identify the vehicles and where they might attempt their actions again.

One vehicle attempted to access Muttama Station but was foiled by the manager and a neighbour. Three other vehicles were cordoned off in Coonamble. On the third day, the Dubbo community kept an eye on the APA crew when their vehicles arrived there.

"This sequence of events clearly indicates the level of community resistance," NSWGasBan said.



**Western Slopes Pipeline Stakeholder Briefing Sessions. Come along and talk to the team.**

APA is currently in the process of developing a pipeline route through the Pilliga region. We are seeking feedback from the community on the proposed route. The Western Slopes Pipeline is a proposed 1,000km long pipeline that will transport gas from the Santos gasfield to the coast. The pipeline will cross through the Pilliga region, which is a sensitive area for the local community. We are holding a series of stakeholder briefing sessions to discuss the proposed route and to hear from the community. The sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Warren
- Coonamble
- Dubbo
- Warren

For more information, please contact the Western Slopes Pipeline Stakeholder Briefing Sessions team on 1800 000 000 or visit our website at [www.westernslopespipeline.com.au](http://www.westernslopespipeline.com.au).

**Updated Session Details**

The Western Slopes Pipeline Stakeholder Briefing Sessions are now open for registration. The sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Warren
- Coonamble
- Dubbo
- Warren

For more information, please contact the Western Slopes Pipeline Stakeholder Briefing Sessions team on 1800 000 000 or visit our website at [www.westernslopespipeline.com.au](http://www.westernslopespipeline.com.au).

Western Slopes Pipeline Stakeholder Briefing Sessions. Come along and talk to the team.

FFB logo

# In the news this week:

## ADANI

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/nov/27/queensland-election-how-adani-helped-undo-the-lnps-push-to-regain-power>

### Queensland election: how Adani helped undo the LNP's push to regain power

Amy Remeikis, *The Guardian*, 27/11/2017

"We already know the majority of voters from every single party at play opposed the Naif loan, including LNP and One Nation voters," the GetUp environmental justice director, Sam Register, told Guardian Australia. "Taking a stronger position against Adani clearly contributed to the swing in south-east Queensland. Just as tellingly, Labor held on to the regional seats that folks like conservative analysts predicted would fall because of the veto.

After watching Adani dominate the state election, there will be folks in federal Labor keen to not see the next federal election nearly de-railed in the same way," Register said. "It's in their interest to get on the right side of this extraordinary movement and oppose the entire Adani [mine] outright.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-27/the-kodak-moment-for-coal-and-why-adani-could-be-a-disaster/9197134>

### The 'Kodak moment' for coal, and why the Adani mine could be a financial disaster

Stephen Long, *ABC*, 27/11/2017

The woman who led the world to a global climate change agreement has a message for Australia: "You really do have to see that we are at the Kodak moment for coal."

Christiana Figueres, until last year the executive director of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, doesn't mean happy snaps for the family album.

Rather, the decimation of the once dominant photographic company Kodak by digital change — in the same way that coal-fired power is being eclipsed by renewable energy.

<https://www.dailymercury.com.au/news/adani-mining-jobs-company-starts-search-for-worker/3276463/>

### Adani to tour Qld in search of workers

John McCarthy, *Daily Mercury*, 28/11/2017

ADANI says protest groups have failed to stop the development of the central Queensland megamine.

Driving home the point, its main contractor Downer Group said it would start a tour of

central Queensland looking for workers for mine construction.



Canavan demands Adani clarity  
Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan has demanded Anastacia Palaszczuk clarify whether her vow to block a federal loan for the Adani mine extends to other projects in the vast new Galilee coal field, warning this would destroy investor confidence.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/state-politics/canavan-demands-clarity-on-adani-rail-line-from-palaszczuk/news-story/4d9da6320f224f34d11816c-c44c57749>

### Canavan demands clarity on Adani rail line from Palaszczuk

Jamie Walker, *The Australian*, 29/11/2017

Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan has demanded Anastacia Palaszczuk clarify whether her vow to block a federal loan for the Adani mine extends to other projects in the vast new Galilee coal field, warning this would destroy investor confidence.

But the Premier's office refused to say yesterday whether the ban on the Indian company would apply to the NAIF loan sought by coal and freight hauler Aurizon to fund a rival rail link to service planned Galilee mines, including Adani.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/a-queensland-project-better-than-adanis-carmichael-mine/news-story/16d8a06e5cc251d314baf602a63623aa>

### A Queensland project better than Adani's Carmichael mine

Ross Muir, *The Australian*, 29/11/2017

Straddling Queensland's back yard and the Northern Territory sits a project, not mentioned in the campaign, far more beneficial for national growth and security. Highlighted in the 2015 federal white paper on developing northern Australia, it deserves action now.

The long-proposed railway from Mount Isa to Tennant Creek would connect Queensland with the Ghan line to Darwin. Its 600km of rail would cost \$2bn to \$3bn. The project would lift freight volumes, leading to economic expansion in northern Australia. It is the logical next step following the Ghan rail's connection to Darwin in 2003.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-30/adani-china-government-would-have-to-sign-off-on-loans-for-mine/9209188>

### Adani: Chinese Government denies receiving application to fund Carmichael mine

Stephen Long, *ABC*, 30/11/2017

Senior [Chinese] embassy officials have told opponents of the mining venture that no applications for funding have been made, despite Adani insiders claiming recently that finance from China had been secured.

A director of Adani's Australian subsidiary Adani Mining recently boasted at a public function that Adani had secured finance from China and would soon be announcing the deal.

Businessman and environmentalist Geoff Cousins said, "It's just another in the series of lies that Adani has told the public of Australia and the Australian Government.

"If you went back through the history of Adani's statements in Australia since this project was first mooted, they have never met a single deadline that's been set and they have told so many of these lies that I can't believe that they haven't been held to account for them."

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/cbd/tide-is-receding-on-peter-bonds-dunk-island-adventure-20171128-gzgm.html>

### Black hole

Colin Kruger, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 30/11/2017

While the likely success of Anastacia Palaszczuk's Labor government in the Queensland election is expected to kill off the prospect of any public funding for Adani's Charmichael coal mine, the company's boss, Gautam Adani, was able to commiserate with some pretty powerful friends.

He was spotted in Hyderabad, India, at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, dining with US first daughter Ivanka Trump and the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Damodardas Modi.

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/2017/11/30/11/50/adani-hires-heavy-hitting-lobby-firm>

### Adani hires heavy-hitting lobby firm

9News, 30/11/2017

According to the Queensland Integrity Commissioner's register, on Monday following the state election Adani employed lobby firm Govstrat to advocate on its behalf.

The firm is run by former Queensland Labor Party Treasurer Damian Power and counts former Queensland Premier

Rob Borbidge on its books as a principal lobbyist.

It also employs Bill Shorten's former Chief of Staff Ken McPherson, as well as Jeff Popp, who was Chief of Staff to Jeff Seeney when he was Deputy Premier in the Newman Government.



Adani's final legal hurdle: Indigenous group in dispute over compensation

Traditional owners would get just 0.2 per cent of Adani's earnings from the mine, new analysis finds, as a fractious dispute between the Indigenous group poses a final legal hurdle for the...

ABC.NET.AU

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-01/adani-compensation-well-below-industry-standard-report-finds/9212058>

## Adani's compensation for traditional owners 'well below' industry standard, report finds

By Josh Robertson, ABC, 01/12/2017

The Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) people would only get 0.2 per cent of Adani's earnings from the mine, less than half the industry average, respected mining industry outfit Economics Consulting Services has found.

The benchmarks for such deals usually ranged from 0.75 per cent to 0.35 per cent.

Report author Murray Meaton was concerned that 75 per cent of Adani's offer hinged on job promises for the W&J people, mostly an "optimistic" pledge of up to 50 jobs earning an average of \$75,000 a year over 30 years.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-02/adani-accused-of-paying-people-to-stack-meeting-on-deal/9218246>

## Adani accused of paying people to stack its meeting on crucial mine deal

By Josh Robertson, ABC, 02/12/2017

Adani is accused of discreetly paying thousands of dollars to recruit people to vote on a crucial mining deal with traditional owners, including Aboriginal people with no link to its Queensland mine site.

A Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) representative said he was paid \$2,000 by Adani to boost numbers at the meeting, where he said many who were "not part of my mob" voted on the compensation deal.

<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2017/12/02/the-future-the-adani-mine/15121332005585>

## The future of the Adani mine

Alex McKinnon, *The Saturday Paper*, 02/12/2017

So much attention has been devoted to Palaszczuk's manoeuvring, it's easy to forget how much of Adani's ultimate fate lies in Canberra. The federal opposition leader, Bill Shorten, stayed far away from Queensland during the campaign, not least to avoid awkward questions about where he stands. Shorten tied himself in knots trying to articulate his various positions on the mine earlier this year, sometimes changing his mind mid-sentence.

If they choose wrong, Shorten and Labor risk being swamped by protesters of one stripe or another every time they set foot in Queensland. And, unlike Palaszczuk, they don't have a magic conflict of interest up their sleeve.

<http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/news/adani-contractor-to-provide-outline-on-jobs-and-supply/news-story/e05d4cce63816a94dad1cf2322dfe4e42>

## Adani contractor to provide outline on jobs and supply

Tony Raggatt, *Townsville Bulletin*, 01/12/2017

THE primary contractor to Adani's Carmichael coal mine, Downer Mining, is calling for potential employees and suppliers to the project from Townsville and Palm Island.

While it has been reported that Downer is yet to sign a binding contract and will not do so until the Indian group finalises funding for the initial stage of the project, Downer's jobs portal said it was the "primary contractor".

"As the primary contractor, Downer Mining's services will include mine planning, drilling, blasting, overburden removal, coal mining, coal processing, rehabilitation, civil works and maintenance of mobile and fixed plant," the company said.

<https://www.whitsundaytimes.com.au/news/anti-adani-protester-blocks-rail-line-to-bowens-we/3279724/>

## Anti-Adani protester blocks rail line to Bowen's west

Jessica Lamb, *Whitsunday Times*, 01/12/2017

An Aurizon spokesperson has condemned the anti-Adani protesters who have blocked a rail line at Bogie River Rail Bridge.

Andrew Brodzeli, 24-year-old Sydney student, is sitting on a raised platform in the canopy of a large gum tree, which has been hoisted and secured via a rope connected to the railway line since 5am this morning. The blocked rail line is part of the Goonyella rail network.

It is the primary coal transport route

stretching from Newlands Coal mine in the South West through to the Abbot Point Coal terminal.

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/dec/01/adani-mining-giant-likely-to-face-fresh-scrutiny-over-financial-allegations>

## Adani mining giant likely to face fresh scrutiny over financial fraud allegations

Michael Safi, *Delhi, The Guardian*, 01/12/2017

The Adani Group is likely to again have to answer allegations it siphoned more than US\$600m (£445m) into overseas tax havens after senior Indian finance authorities recommended an appeal of a judgment clearing the mining giant.

The Indian finance secretary has confirmed to local media the August decision clearing the Adani Group had been reviewed by senior officials in November who ordered an appeal to be lodged by 14 December.

<http://www.atimes.com/article/coal-adanis-aussie-mine-end-fueling-chinas-bri/>

## Adani's Aussie coal mine could fuel China's BRI

Urvashi Sarkar, *Asia Times*, 30/11/2017

The Indian-owned Adani Group's bid to seek funds from a Chinese state-owned enterprise for its controversial project in Australia – to build the world's largest coal mine – could spark further problems, according to a US think tank.

There are fears that coal from the mine could be headed to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has been vigorously opposed by India.

Financing by CMEC might bring the Carmichael coal project into China's ambitious infrastructure project, according to the IEFFA brief. The chance that the Adani project might become part of the Belt and Road project would clash with the Indian government's opposition to the scheme.

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/dec/02/adani-group-china-construction-bank-wont-grant-loan-pr-firm-says>

## Adani Group: China Construction Bank won't grant loan, PR firm says

Michael Slezak, *The Guardian*, 02/12/2017

Adani Group's Carmichael coal project will not be financed by the China Construction Bank, according to a statement by a public relations firm that says it represents the bank.

In a statement to the financial activist group Market Forces, a representative from PR firm The Continuum Partners said the firm was representing China Construction Bank in Australia, and that it was not working with Adani on the project.

The executive director of Market Forces, Julien Vincent, said: "The fact that CCB is actively ruling out finance for the Carmichael coal project before receiving an approach says a lot about just how toxic this project is to investors."

Tim Buckley, from the pro-renewables Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, said that the news, if accurate, was very significant, but did leave open the possibility for the project to be funded by another Chinese bank.

## COAL AND GAS CARRY ON

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/nsw-coal-mines-in-the-pipeline-are-bigger-than-adani-lock-the-gate-says-20171126-gztpw.html>

### NSW coal mines in the pipeline are 'bigger than Adani', Lock the Gate says

Peter Hannam, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 28/11/2017

The amount of new coal mining output being assessed by the Berejiklian government eclipses the Adani megamine proposed for Queensland and dwarfs its carbon emissions, according to analysis by Lock the Gate.

A review of 10 major new mines or extension projects with key decision points during the coming year shows the potential for 75 million tonnes of annual coal production in NSW, more than the 60 million tonnes Adani hopes its Carmichael mine in central Queensland will produce each year.

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/going-underground-coal-miner-hopes-switch-will-help-project-clear-objections-20171130-gzwhrx.html>

### Going underground: coal miner hopes switch will help project clear objections

Peter Hannam, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 01/12/2017

The Berejiklian government has renewed the exploration licence to develop a coal reserve in the Hunter Valley for a site that had been knocked back four times by the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC).

Anthony Roberts, the Planning Minister, and Don Harwin, the Resources Minister, announced on Friday that a proposed amendment to state mining and planning policies would prohibit open-cut mining at the Drayton South site.

The Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association said the move was a "token gesture" that would perpetuate uncertainty in a battle that had already been waged for six years.

The proposal is on exhibition for public submissions until December 14.

<https://www.ruralweekly.com.au/news/gas-pipeline-dispute-flares-up/3274246/>

### Gas pipeline dispute flares up

John Weekes, *Rural Weekly*, 27/11/2017

A farmer's dispute with Santos over a pipeline's impact on his land went to the Queensland Court of Appeal on Friday.

Stephen Swans' barrister, Ken Barlow said the pipeline on their property near Biloela was completed in August 2014 and the entire pipeline, over 400km, was finished in September that year.

Mr Barlow said Santos's contractor for installing the pipeline did not backfill the pipeline trench consistently, and mixed rocks and gravel with topsoil.

The appeal court on Friday reserved its decision.



<http://www.couriermail.com.au/business/queensland-on-cusp-of-new-gas-boom/news-story/672e70c0e99914b12c6d7b4ee166ff69>

### Queensland on cusp of new gas boom

Renee Viellaris, *The Courier-Mail*, 29/11/2017

Queensland is on the cusp of a new gas boom with exploration for shale gas to start in the Cooper Basin.

The Turnbull Government will use cash from the \$30 million geological and bioregional assessments program to evaluate the priority area.

Geoscience Australia and the CSIRO will assess the geology, water quantity and quality of surface and groundwater to determine the potential impacts and environmental safety of shale and tight gas development.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/business/arrow-energy-gas-deal-to-generate-1000-new-jobs/news-story/c998a6016f5a66e04cd2d633df9c95a0>

### Arrow Energy gas deal to generate 1000 new jobs

John McCarthy, *The Courier-Mail*, 01/12/2017

The 27-year deal between Arrow and the Shell-operated QCLNG joint venture, will

commercialise the majority of Arrow's gas reserves in the Surat Basin where the company has produced gas for more than a decade. QGC is owned by Shell which also has a 50 per cent stake in Arrow.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-01/arrow-energy-strikes-major-gas-deal-with-shell/9217708>

### Arrow Energy strikes major gas deal with Shell in Queensland's Surat Basin

By Dea Clark, *ABC*, 01/12/2017

Arrow Energy CEO Qian Mingyang said the company's equal shareholders PetroChina and Shell had approved the agreement, which offers long-awaited infrastructure collaboration in the natural gas industry.

Mr Qian said work would commence from the expansion of Arrow's Tipton fields, near Dalby, and build two new development areas from around 2021.

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/energy/arrow-energy-signs-major-shell-gas-supply-deal-20171201-gzwpgr.html>

### Arrow Energy signs major Shell gas supply deal

Cole Latimer, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 01/12/2017

Arrow and its joint owners, Shell and PetroChina, will now discuss the expansion of its Surat Basin project, with a final decision expected in 2018.

Arrow's Surat Basin gas is among the biggest undeveloped resources in eastern Australia but the project has been stuck on the drawing board since getting state and federal approvals in 2013 due to high costs and weak gas prices.

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/shell-petrochina-jv-paves-way-for-big-gas-development-in-australia/61877256>

### Shell, PetroChina JV paves way for big gas development in Australia

*Economic Times of India with Reuters*, 01/12/2017

Arrow is expected to make a final decision in 2018 on whether to go ahead with the development of its coal seam gas in the Surat Basin for the deal with QCLNG, boosting supply in Queensland by around 16 percent over current levels.

"QCLNG's existing connection points with the gas market would enable Arrow to reduce development cost, making projects investable despite challenging market conditions," Shell Australia Chairman Zoe Yujnovich said in a statement. QCLNG is co-owned by Shell, China's CNOOC and Tokyo Gas.

<https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/environment/knitting-nannas-alan-jones-protest-in-nsw-ng-s-1804629>

## Knitting Nannas, Alan Jones protest in NSW

Greta Stonehouse, AAP, 01/12/2017

Knitting Nannas campaigning against Santos's Narrabri project have travelled thousands of kilometres to Sydney to mark 100 weeks of protesting against the proposed coal seam gas field.

The protesters gathered in Martin Place on Friday to raise awareness about the potential consequences of the project. They were supported by outspoken Sydney broadcaster Alan Jones.

## NUCLEAR WON'T GIVE UP

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/want-a-nuclear-reactor-in-your-backyard-step-this-way/news-story/52f856237bfb54bb41433ef87f51029e>

### Want a nuclear reactor in your backyard? Step this way

Graham Lloyd, Environment Editor, *The Australian*, 28/11/2017

Volunteer communities are being sought for Australia's first small nuclear reactors, which developers hope could be in operation by 2030.

SMR Nuclear Technology has set a timeline for the development of Australia's nuclear power industry, which would require a site to be identified within three years. Building nuclear power stations in Australia would require changes to state and federal laws and overcoming deep community objections. SMR director Robert Pritchard said the company had adopted an aggressive approach to nuclear development in Australia based on small reactors.

The construction and operation of a nuclear power plant in Australia is prohibited by two commonwealth acts: similar prohibitions exist in state law.

## FOSSIL GOVERNMENT FROLICS

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/barnaby-joyce-claimed-to-have-told-nsw-to-suck-it-up-over-rail-project/news-story/0a9fd9a92f185cd238668c846c58e552?login=1>

### Barnaby Joyce claimed to have told NSW to suck it up over rail project

Andrew Clennell, *The Australian*, 29/11/2017

The New England candidate seeking to return as Deputy Prime Minister at this weekend's by-election, Barnaby Joyce, is

claimed to have told a farmer at the NSW Farmers' annual conference that she would just have to "suck it up" when the woman told him of concerns the federal government's \$8 billion Inland Rail project would cut through farms.

"Well then he said 'everybody's going to have to suck it up. I could be having to suck it up, it could be going through my place."



Barnaby Joyce hits back at critics | VIDEO  
Nationals candidate denies hiding from the public  
NORTHERNDAILYLEADER.COM.AU

<http://www.northerndailyleader.com.au/story/5084467/barnaby-joyce-hits-back-at-critics-video/?cs=12>

### Barnaby Joyce replies to allegations of hiding from public

Steve Evans, *Northern Daily Leader*, 27/11/2017

His visit to Glen Innes was only announced to local media a few hours before and no crowds of either supporters or opponents greeted him.

[Responding to questions about his absence from candidate forums] Joyce said, "But, look – 17 candidates they all speak for ten minutes you've got to listen to everybody prattle on for three hours." He said most were from outside the electorate and "they've got an interest in wrecking the show."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/columnists/graham-richardson/barnaby-joyces-judgment-goes-missing/news-story/b1cad7bef3b3828ff0d02f38f505b011>

### Barnaby Joyce's judgment goes missing

Graham Richardson, *The Australian*, 28/11/2017

Apparently, it was Gina Rinehart's idea to hold a dinner to celebrate Australia's agricultural success. Nothing wrong with that, but why hold a black-tie do in Canberra, of all places. You could not get a gathering that looked less like a group of farmers. ...

Joyce claims that he had no idea he was about to receive a \$40,000 gift for doing a job for which he was already well paid. ...

That he backtracked later serves to mitigate nothing. The king of retail politics had by this time lost the plot. No one woke up happy the morning after. The department heavies, some of whom attended the dinner, knew they had let off a bungler in the letter box.

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/not-stalked-or-ambushed-aggro-joyce-gets-in-another-barney-with-constituents.10977>

### Not stalked or ambushed! Aggro Joyce gets in another barney with constituents

Ross Jones, *Independent Australia*, 29/11/2017

Barnaby Joyce, the man who wants to be deputy PM again, has a volatile temper and deals with constituents by denigrating them if they disagree with him.

Allegations of stalking are patent rubbish, of course. The environmentalist in the pub had spoken with Barnaby only once before — some weeks prior to the Graman contretemps. That is hardly stalking.

A headline in *The Land* back in June trumpeted:

'Joyce caught in political ambush by anti-mining activists'

Ambush? Of course, this was another Joyce-driven beat-up. This was just two female constituents in a pub asking Barnaby about mining. Joyce, ever the gentleman, told them to "piss off". Aggressively.

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/nov/28/mining-industry-body-retreats-hardline-stance-charities>

### Mining industry body retreats from hardline stance on charities

Michael Slezak, *The Guardian*, 28/11/2017

The Minerals Council of Australia says it does not support policies requiring environmental charities to devote most of their resources to on-the-ground remediation, despite previously writing submissions to government calling for it to consider such policies.

Although the new stance seems to contradict earlier statements, the MCA insists there has been no change in its position.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/state-politics/nsw-nationals-push-for-new-coalfired-power-station/news-story/97fe04ec20618f0d8a069804f2d0b95d>

### NSW Nationals push for new coal-fired power station

Andrew Clennell, *The Australian*, 28/11/2017

NSW Nationals will push Premier Gladys Berejiklian to build a coal-fired power station in the Hunter region using proceeds from the \$2.6 billion sale of the Land and Property Information service.

The idea would be to build at the Liddell power station site — with the station due to reach the end of its life in 2022 — or another location in the seat of Upper Hunter. Nationals MP Michael Johnsen holds Upper Hunter by 2.2 per cent and is under threat from either Labor or the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers party.

"From my perspective, I think we should be building two or three of them (coal-

fired power stations) to increase capacity, increase supply and reduce prices,” Mr Johnsen said yesterday.

## FOSSIL ESCAPADES



Tide is receding on Peter Bond's Dunk Island adventure  
What's that old saying from Warren Buffett: Only when the tide goes out do you discover who has been swimming naked.

SMH.COM.AU

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/property/peter-bond-commits-to-dunk-island-resort/news-story/ac6671c180db6bf152b9ac4bb7f0ef14>

### Peter Bond commits to Dunk Island resort

Lisa Allem, *The Australian*, 28/11/2017

Businessman Peter Bond, founder of the failed Linc Energy group, has let the sub-lease on the Dunk Island Spit lapse but says he is re-tendering for the strategic site and has recommitted to opening a resort on the island off Queensland's Mission Beach.

But Mr Bond, who was once worth \$450m, would not be drawn on when the main Dunk Island resort would reopen, having bought the site and infrastructure in 2012 for \$7.5m, a year after it was wiped out by Cyclone Yasi.

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/cbd/tide-is-receding-on-peter-bonds-dunk-island-adventure-20171128-gzuzgm.html>

### Tide is receding on Peter Bond's Dunk Island adventure

Colin Kruger, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 30/11/2017

Linc Energy founder Peter Bond has been assuring Rupert Murdoch's press pack that all is well in his Dunk Island paradise despite the Linc collapse and the fact the government is looking for someone to pay the clean-up bill, which is now in the tens of millions of dollars.

And despite the fact the devastated Dunk Island resort he acquired in 2011 for \$7.5 million – and has allegedly spent \$27 million fixing up – is still in a state of abandonment, according to the same Murdoch press.

And despite the fact he has abandoned the lease on the publicly owned Dunk Island Spit this week. Which means it is now open to public tender.

And let's not mention the latest failure to sell his sprawling Fig Tree Pocket estate at a price that was less than what he paid for it almost a decade ago.

All is well.

For those caught up in the Christmas season rush and feeling like giving Bond a run for his money – you have to get your tender in for the Dunk Island Spit site by February 28 next year.

**FFB**

## This week's news

**Adani's** Carmichael Mine dominated headlines and became an important issue in Saturday's Queensland election. It's likely Annastacia Palaszczuk's gymnastics over the \$1b NAIF loan helped her government narrowly retain power.

Adani has hired another heavy-hitting lobby company to push its case, with the usual line-up of former government officials and politicians.

The news that two Chinese banks have declined to finance the project may be unwelcome for **Gautam Adani**.

He didn't seem too unhappy, however, when spotted dining with **Ivanka Trump** and **Narendra Modhi** at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad, India.

Meanwhile, it emerged that the **NSW government** is looking at coal mining approvals over the next year that, combined, exceed the Carmichael Mine and its emissions. Many of them are in the Hunter Valley.

There was a lot of media attention to an announcement from **Arrow Energy and Shell**. An agreement between the two may enable Arrow to develop new gasfields around Dalby, with the usual promise of lots of jobs.

Commentator **Lock Barker** points out, however, the development is not a certainty. Arrow will make a decision next year on whether to proceed. The project may still be a dud due to high costs.

**Barnaby Joyce** almost warrants a column of his own, with his election antics in the headlines all over.

'The king of retail politics had lost the plot,' ... 'volatile temper' and 'beat-ups' concerning death threats, stalking and an ambush, commentators said.

There was much talk of Barnaby's family strife and his absence from candidate forums.

However, the New Englanders were undeterred and re-elected him with a bigger majority.

**FFB**

## Smog hits cricket Test match

Subscriber Michael McDonald drew FFB's attention to a report in *The Guardian*: a cricket Test match between India and Sri Lanka was repeatedly interrupted on Sunday with claims players were "continuously vomiting" due to hazardous pollution levels in the Indian capital.

Commentators said it was the first recorded instance of an international match being halted due to the toxic smog that afflicts much of north India year-round but worsens to hazardous levels during winter months.

No wonder India aims to reduce its

coal imports in coming years, and put the emphasis on wind and solar.

A recent study in the *Lancet* medical journal said that one out of every four premature deaths in India in 2015, or some 2.5 million, was attributed to pollution.

This puts the lie to Adani claims of Carmichael coal lifting people out of poverty and enriching their lives.

Two coal products will be exported from the Adani mine: low ash/moderate energy coal for Asian markets and high ash/low energy product for non-premium markets, notably India.

**SAVING THE LAND, AIR AND WATER FOR THE KIDDIES**

[www.knitting-nannas.com](http://www.knitting-nannas.com)

