

Date : 12/04/2019 12:06:30 PM

From : "DLO DES"

To : "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "KLAASSEN Ben" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI - URGENT APPROVAL media response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

Attachment : 120419 - Carmichael Mine Approvals - Rockhampton Morning

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Hi Alena – please see attached media response for Adani - The response is a cut and paste from our response to the ABC on 08 April re BTFMP and the general media statement on the GDEMP on 09 April.

Approved by DDG ESR – pls let me know if Ben needs to approve.

Deadline is 2pm.

thanks



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Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 12:04 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; BENNINK Kate; ESR

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

Hi DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals has been approved by DDG ESR Dean Ellwood.

The response is a cut and paste from our response to the ABC on 08 April re BTFMP and the general media statement on the GDEMP on 09 April.

The newspaper's deadline is 2pm today.

Regards

Kieran Lewis

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From: Christine Mckee <Christine.Mckee@capnews.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 11:07 AM

To: Media DES

Cc: Frazer Pearce

Subject: Adani

Good morning,

Can you please confirm what information you still require from Adani in order to finalise approvals for BTFMP and GDEMP?

My deadline is 2pm, thank you.

Regards
Christine

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Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 1:58 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

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Hi Jamie – just following up on this holding statement – have you had a chance to approve/re-work?

thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 2:00 PM

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To : "MERRICK Jamie"

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Subject : ADANI HOLDING STATEMENT - Townsville Bulletin request for information on today's Adani meeting.

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Hi Jamie – I forwarded the attached holding statement to you just after 1pm today for approval; however, the department has received the below query from a journalist about the Adani meeting today. The deadline to get back to the journalist is 4.30pm today – the department are wondering if the attached could be sent back?

The questions from the Bulletin are:

Madura here from the Townsville Bulletin.

I understand DES and Adani met today for ongoing discussion on the BTFMP and the GDEMP.

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It would be great to grab a response by 4.30pm although I realise the hour of this request.

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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 2:47 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: ELLWOOD Dean; WELLS Melissa; BENNINK Kate; Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

Subject: DLOs - for advice - Townsville Bulletin request for information on today's Adani meeting.

Good afternoon DLOs

Can you check with the Min's Office please.

The Townsville Bulletin has enquired about today's Adani meeting. They have a 4.30 pm deadline.

Can we provide the attached holding statement, which has been departmentally approved to DDG level, as a response to this journalist and any others thank may enquire in the short-term.

The is the updated holding statement sent to you at 1.02 pm.

Kieran Lewis

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Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 2:41 PM

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Let me know. Call me anytime on p4(6) Personal inform

Cheers,
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Hello DLOs

For ODG and MO re-approval.

The attached and updated holding statement re today's meeting with Adani has been departmentally re-approved to DDG level.

The amendments were made following the meeting today. I have left the track changes in so you can see what's been amended, but can send you a clean copy if this is required.

Again, it's been requested that this be a reactive holding statement only.

Regards

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For ODG and MO approval please.

Attached is a draft holding statement re the Adani Black-throated Finch Management Plan. This has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Please note:

- The statement has been prepared in view of a planned meeting with Adani tomorrow (2 May), where the company will be advised of the BTFMP revisions required.
- The statement is a holding statement only, and is intended only for reactive media enquiries, should these be received after tomorrow's meeting.
- DDG Dean Ellwood has requested that we discuss the issue with him directly, should circumstances arise where we would envisage sending this statement out.

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Approved: ED Melissa Wells; DDG ESR Dean Ellwood,	Phone:
Geographical area/s of interest: Queensland-wide	

Adani BTFMP

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) today [add date] requested Adani revise its Black-throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP) as it does not meet the requirements of the company's environmental authority.

Adani recently provided DES with a copy of the company's own consultants' report on the BTFMP, on 15 March 2019, followed by clarification about the report on 2 April 2019.

After receiving this information, DES's assessment determined that the current version of the plan did not adequately estimate the current Black-throated Finch population in the project area, to then define the actual habitat being impacted by the project.

Accurate population information is essential to manage and monitor the impacts of the project on the Black-throated Finch in the project area.

Furthermore, DES requires Adani to make a commitment to a limited grazing regime in the project area and provide sufficient detail of research that will determine seed availability throughout the year.

Timeframes associated with the approval of the BTFMP now rest with Adani.

Adani needs to consider DES's advice and make appropriate amendments to the BTFMP before submitting a revised version for the department to assess.

Significant disturbance cannot commence at the Carmichael Coal Mine until DES approves both the BTFMP and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP).

The Black-throated finch population at this site represents the largest known population of the endangered southern species of the Black-throated Finch.

ENDS

AGENCY BACKGROUND – NOT FOR PUBLICATION (do not include in response to media)

Date : 16/05/2019 3:27:44 PM

From : "DLO DES"

To : "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL - response to The Australian re Adani GDEMP

Attachment : 160519 - Adani GDEMP - The Australian.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Alena – attached is a media response for your approval re: Adani. Deadline is 4pm.
thanks



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Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 3:25 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to The Australian re Adani GDEMP

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval, please.

The attached response to the Australian re the Adani GDEMP and advice we are seeking on this has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

The Australian has a 4pm deadline for this.

Regards

Kieran Lewis

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From: Peel, Charlie <peelc1@theaustralian.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 11:42 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani Groundwater Management Plan

Good morning,

Speaking on Sky News yesterday, Adani Mining s.73 said the Department of Environment and Science had put in place a contract that includes fee for service with CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to do a further review on the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan.

Is this correct?

Have timeframes been set out for CSIRO and GeoScience Australia to update their review of the latest version of the GDEMP?

A response by 4pm would be appreciated.

Regards,

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Journalist

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From : "DLO DES"

To : "MERRICK Jamie"

Cc : "TRACEY Alena" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA - For approval: Adani management plans - enquiry from The Australian

Attachment : image002.png;image005.png;image007.jpg;image008.jpg;image003.png;image006.png;

Hi Jamie – pls see below response to the Australian. It is based on the approved response yesterday, and MO has added additional information in yellow. For your approval

Thanks

Peta

From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:25 PM

To: Media DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye; DLO DES; ELLWOOD Dean; GRANT Andrea; WATSON Matthew

Subject: RE: Pam re: Adani management plans - enquiry from The Australian

We suggest adding these lines, as I've highlighted below.

But they will need to be checked by DG and DDG.

(Please note the rest of the response remains the same, except for having moved the line "DES continues to work with Adani..." from down the bottom to be now the third line. Have also removed the two details of GDEMP versions ("version 11b" etc) to avoid confusion).

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is meeting with the proponent tomorrow to discuss their outstanding management plans.

This meeting has been scheduled for the past week.

DES continues to work with Adani, as it would with any proponent, to progress its environmental approvals.

Two environmental approvals are still required from DES before significant disturbance can commence at the Carmichael mine site.

These are the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) and the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP). There are no statutory timeframes for these approvals.

DES originally asked the Federal Government for a copy of the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia's report of their review into Adani's GDEMP in early March.

DES was provided a copy of this report on Tuesday, 09 April. On the same morning, Adani also provided DES a copy of their updated GDEMP.

DES had been assessing the earlier version of the GDEMP.

The department is now working through the most recent version of the document, being the one approved by the Commonwealth and provided to DES on 09 April.

DES is assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority conditions.

In doing so, DES will consider the issues and recommendations set out by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in their review.

Based on a preliminary review of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia report, it is still to be determined if the GDEMP identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This identification has always been a requirement for state approval.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's BTFMP to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-Throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised and DES is considering the final report and any other relevant information.

Under Queensland's *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, approvals for the GDEMP and the BTFMP rest with the Department of Environment and Science, as the State's environmental regulator, not with the Environment Minister.



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:18 PM

To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Rosalyn Lye <Rosalyn.Lye@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>; DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>; ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@des.qld.gov.au>; GRANT Andrea <Andrea.Grant@des.qld.gov.au>; WATSON Matthew <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Pam re: Adani management plans - enquiry from The Australian

Pam

Are you happy for us to give The Australian the same response as went to the Fin Review today (attached)?

Andrea



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I pay my respect to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

From: Peel, Charlie <peelc1@theaustralian.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani management plans

Hi,

As discussed, Adani (see below) claims to have been seeking clarity from DES for the past fortnight with no response. I'm chasing a comment from DES.

Cheers

"The Queensland Department of Environment and Science is required to finalise two outstanding management plans, the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan and the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan, so that we can start construction on the Carmichael Project.

"Adani Mining has been asking for advice from the Department of Environment and Science for two weeks now to understand what is required to finalise the outstanding management plans so that construction can commence on the Carmichael Project.

"On numerous occasions we have requested meetings with the Premier and Deputy Premier, to date all requests have been declined. We have repeatedly met with officials from the Department of Environment and Science, with no additional details provided on what is required to finalise these plans.

"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."

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To : "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "TONES Peter" , "KLAASSEN Ben"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re GDEMP approval

Attachment : 150419 - Carmichael mine approvals - Rockhampton Morning

Bulletin.docx;image002.png;image003.png;image004.png;

Hi Alena – attached is a media response for you approval re: Adani GDEMP – approved by DDG ESR.

thanks



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Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 12:40 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re GDEMP approval

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re the Adani GDEMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Regards

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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 9:03 AM

To: Jack Evans

Cc: Rosalyn Lye; Media DES

Subject: Re: GDEMP

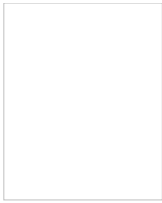
Hi Jack,

Yes this one would be best directed to DES.

I have cc-ed in the media team who will be able to assist.

Thanks,

Pam



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On 15 Apr 2019, at 8:29 am, Jack Evans <Jack.Evans@capnews.com.au> wrote:

Good Morning Pam,

I Hope you're well.

I am seeking some more information regarding this statement received last week;

'Based on the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia report, initial advice from DES is that a number of uncertainties remain. This includes whether the GDEMP definitively identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex, which has always been a requirement for state approval.'

I'm wondering what the other uncertainties are, and whether a conclusion has been reached regarding identifying the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs.

Let me know if this is one to send to the DES instead.

Look Forward to hearing from you,

Thanks,

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To : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Attachment : 160419 - Carmichael Mine approvals - The Australian.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Jamie – attached is a media response for your approval re: Adani. It is the same response that was used yesterday and Friday's responses to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:52 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to The Australian re the GDEMP and the BTFMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

The response is a direct cut and paste from yesterday's and Friday's responses to The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

Regards

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From: Owens, Jared <owensj@theaustralian.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 11:21 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani Carmichael -- The Australian

Hello,

I'm seeking updated info on Adani Carmichael.

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's GDEMP?

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's BTFMP?

Thanks,
Jared

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To : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA: URGENT APPROVAL: response to The Australian re Adani. MO requires by 2pm

Attachment : 010419 - Adani BTFMP GDEMP and Abbot Point - The Australian.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Jamie – attached is a media response for Adani – for your urgent approval. MO requires this response by 2pm today. thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 1 April 2019 1:02 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; CONNOR Andrew; WELLS Melissa

Subject: DLOs- for approval - response to The Australian re Adani. MO requires by 2pm

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to The Australian re the Adani GDEMP, BTFMP and Abbot Point has been departmentally approved.

Minister's Office requires this response by 2pm today.

Regards

Kieran Lewis

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From: Owens, Jared <owensj@theaustralian.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 1 April 2019 10:34 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani Carmichael update

Hello,

What is the status of the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan?

What is the status of the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan?

Have there been any other developments around the Carmichael Project or Abbot Point since the penalty notice on March 25?

I am seeking comment by 3pm

Thanks,
Jared

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Cc : "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL: - response to Reuters re Adani approvals

Attachment : 040419 - Adani approvals - Reuters.docx;image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;

Jamie/Alena – attached is the Adani media response for your approval. Has been approved by DDG ESR.
thanks



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From: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2019 5:11 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Reuters re Adani approvals

Hello DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to Reuters re Adani approvals has been departmentally approved.

We do not have a stated deadline for this one.

Regards

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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2019 3:17 PM

To: DLO DES; Media DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye

Subject: FW: Background info NQ

Hi team,

Can you please take care of this media inquiry from Reuters about Adani?

Thanks,

Pam

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From: Jan Martin <Jan.Martin@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2019 6:08 AM
To: Paul, Sonali (Reuters) <Sonali.Paul@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Background info NQ

Hi Sonali

The black finch study is for the Environment Minister as her Dept is running this.
I ouwill pass on to my colleague Pam Frost in her office .

The groundwater study is Federal but Pam can also direct you better than I can.

I've copied Pam in and her number is 4(6) Personal inform

Rgds



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On 3 Apr 2019, at 9:41 pm, Paul, Sonali (Reuters) <Sonali.Paul@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Hi Jan,
This is helpful, many thanks.
Now I have some more questions stemming from our trip to Townsville.

Adani says the state government has not given them any timeframe for considering the latest issues raised about their groundwater management plan and their plan for protecting the black-throated finch.
Is there a timeframe for considering these? If not, why not?

What are the government's main concerns?

Does the state government want this project to go ahead?

Thanks and regards,

Sonali

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From : "DLO DES"

To : "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL: Follow up questions from Brisbane Times about Adani GDEMP

Attachment : 130519 - Adani GDEMP - Brisbane Times.docx;image001.png;image007.png;image003.png;image004.png;

Hi Alena – don't know if you are able to approve the attached response (short and straight to the point) – it has been approved by DDG ESR.
thanks



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From: WATSON Matthew <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 1:44 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLO: Follow up questions from Brisbane Times about Adani GDEMP

Hi DLO,

Please see response below to follow up questions from the Brisbane Times.

Seeking ODG and MO approval.

Cheers

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019

Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

Questions

From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 12:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Re: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

1 - Am I correct to say the information provided to Federal Govt by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in February 2019 was version 11 of the groundwater plan?

2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?

3 - Is it correct to say Qld's Department of Environment and Science wants to corroborate the groundwater data which led the CSIRO to say in its report.

"A number of limitations were also identified in the proposed monitoring and management approaches indicating they are not sufficiently robust to monitor and minimise impacts to protected environments," the [CSIRO's February 2019 groundwater studies found](#).

(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

1 - Am I correct to say the information provided to Federal Govt by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in February 2019 was version 11 of the groundwater plan?

Yes.

2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?

Yes.

3 - Is it correct to say Qld's Department of Environment and Science wants to corroborate the groundwater data which led the CSIRO to say in its report.

In regards to CSIRO's report and in light of a resubmitted GDEMP (version 11), DES is seeking clarity and feedback regarding the level of certainty around the source aquifer, its monitoring and management.

ENDS

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Cc : "TRACEY Alena" , "TONES Peter" , "DLO DES"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - for approval please - Response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani

Attachment : 030519 - Adani BTFMP - Townsville Bulletin.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Jamie – for your approval please.

Thanks,
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Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 1:00 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

Subject: DLOs - for approval please - Response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani

Good afternoon DLOs

For your approval, please.

The attached response to the Townsville Bulletin re Adani has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Townsville Bulletin's deadline is 4pm today.

Regards

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From: McCormack, Madura <madura.mccormack@news.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 10:39 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Townsville Bulletin: Adani BTFMP

Good morning guys,

Madura here from the Townsville Bulletin.

In relation to the recent decision by DES re: Adani's BTFMP, I am wondering if the Department would be able to provide more detail or the entire list of commitments it is seeking from Adani.

This is of course on top of the detail already provided from the DES statement.

"This includes gathering more accurate population information, which is vital to effectively manage and monitor the impacts of

the project on the Black-throated Finch and essential habitats in the project area. DES invites Adani to make a clear commitment to a limited grazing regime in the project area, and to provide sufficient detail of research that will determine seed availability throughout the year. Both actions are vital to sustaining the Black-throated Finch population."

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Would be great to grab a response as soon as possible or by 4pm today at the latest.

Thank you.

Regards,
Madura

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Media response

Re: Adani BTFMP

For: Madura McCormack
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Enquiry received: 10.39 am, 03 May 2019

Media deadline: 4pm, 03 May 2019

Date: 03 May 2019

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Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) advised Adani on 2 May 2019 that it cannot approve its Black-throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP) in its current form because it does not meet the requirements of the company's environmental authority. This position is based on the best available science.

The consultant report on the BTFMP, commissioned by Adani, received by the department on 15th March 2019, itself acknowledged that the plan could be strengthened.

Adani's own consultants, BAAM Ecological Consultants, reported that:

- the BTFMP had not established an understanding of the Black-throated Finch population in the project area
- the BTFMP did not include monitoring protocols that allow for analysis of Black-throated Finch population over time, and
- the BTFMP did not include a commitment to manage the Ten Mile Bore area and surrounds in a manner that protects the Black-throated Finch population in that area.

With respect to academic qualifications, It is not unusual for governments to require scientific reports and reviews to be undertaken by people with scientific expertise in the area concerned, and for that scientific expertise to be supported by appropriate qualifications (including academic qualifications) in that field of expertise.

Timeframes associated with the approval of the BTFMP now rest with Adani.

Adani needs to consider DES's advice and make appropriate amendments to the BTFMP before submitting a revised version for the department to assess.

ENDS

For further media enquiries contact Media Services on (07) 3339 5831 or email media@des.qld.gov.au.

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Date : 7/05/2019 2:34:37 PM

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To : "MERRICK Jamie"

Cc : "TRACEY Alena" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL: FW: response to ABC and Qld Country Life re Adani

Attachment : 070519 - Carmichael mine approvals - General

Media.docx;image001.gif;image002.jpg;image003.jpg;image004.png;image005.png;image006.png;

Hi Jamie/Alena – attached is a media response for approval RE: Adani approvals– it's a combination of six of the most recent approved media responses which has been spun into a general statement for media enquiries in the short term. Approved by DDG ESR.

Thanks,
Raylene



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From: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 2:29 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to ABC and Qld Country Life re Adani

Hi DLOs

For ODG and MO approval, please.

The attached response to ABC and Qld Country Life, which are seeking the latest DES statements re Adani approvals, has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

We've combined six of the most recent approved media responses into a general statement that can also be used for other media enquiries in the short term.

Deadline for this is COB today (for the ABC).

Regards

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From: Steven Trask <steven.trask@fairfaxmedia.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 9:24 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani finch plan

Hi DES media team

I'm following up last week's news about the assessment of Adani's black-throated finch management plan. I was hoping you could flick through the department's statement on the plan this morning, and I was also wondering if there was any update you could provide on the assessment of the groundwater plan?

Cheers,

Steve
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From: Melissa Maddison <Maddison.Melissa@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 8:55 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: re: Black throated finch management plan

Good morning

I am working on an explainer for ABC News about the finch, given the amount of attention there has been on the bird in the last week or so. Is it possible to get the latest release or correspondence that's been sent out in regards to the plan, and the concerns the department has that lead to the plan being rejected.

My deadline is COB today.

Thanks very much for your help.

Regards

Melissa



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To : "MERRICK Jamie"

Cc : "TRACEY Alena", "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - FW: response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

Attachment : 070519 - Carmichael mine approvals and black-throated finches - BBC.docx;image003.gif;image001.png;image002.png;image004.png;

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Thanks,
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Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 5:02 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran; TONES Peter

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

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From: Neena Bhandari <neena@india-voice.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 3:19 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: international media request - BBC Indian Languages

Importance: High

Dear Meegan,

It was good to speak with you. I had a few follow up questions to my email of 3rd May.
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My extended deadline is COB AEST Wednesday, 8th May.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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Subject : ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - FW: response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

Attachment : 070519 - Carmichael mine approvals and black-throated finches -

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Hi Jamie – please see re-worked response by the MO – do you approve of these changes, as well as including the full table?

thanks



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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2019 2:51 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye; TONES Peter

Subject: RE: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - FW: response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

Hi Peta,

Some suggested changes in the attached.

Can this please be checked by DES before going back to the journalist (including checking about the inclusion of the table with DG).



Pamela Frost

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From: DLO DES <DLO_DES@des.qld.gov.au>

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To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Rosalyn Lye <Rosalyn.Lye@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; TONES Peter <Peter.Tones@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - FW: response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

Hi Pam – the sentence can be re-written to: There is a viable population of Black-throated Finches currently living in the Galilee Basin due to its high quality habitat.

Is this ok?



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Subject: RE: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - FW: response to BBC re BTFs and approval plans

Morning DLO,

The line below could potentially be rewritten like this:

There is a viable population of Black-throated Finches currently living in the Galilee Basin due to its high quality habitat.

Is this okay?

Cheers



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Also – can you please clarify the below sentence? What does it mean?

The high quality and intact habitats in the Galilee Basin provide the greatest potential for maintain a viable population of Black-throated Finch.



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Thanks.
Also, I don't know what this sentence means. Can you please clarify?

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I will find out for you



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Hi Peta, we are looking at this. But is there a reason we can't include the table of further plans required (that is included in background info)? That has been given to media before.



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Media response

Re: Carmichael mine approvals and black-throated finches, follow-up questions

For: Neena Bhandari
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Enquiry received: 3.19 pm, 07 May 2019

Media deadline: COB, 08 May 2019

Date: 07 May 2019

Questions

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Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

The Queensland Coordinator-General approved the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project in 2014, with an environmental authority (EA) for the mine site being issued to Adani on 2 February 2016, taking effect on the granting of the mining leases on 3 April 2016.

~~However,~~ Significant mining activities cannot commence until the Department of Environment and Science (DES) approves two environmental management plans, the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP) and the Groundwater Dependent Environmental Management Plan (GDEMP).

(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> for further information on significant mining activities.)

While other plans may be required as mining progresses, the BTFMP and the GDEMP are the two remaining Queensland plans that need to be approved before significant mining activities can commence. There are no statutory timeframes for these plans to be approved.

A table detailing other plans that are required is below. Questions relating to outstanding Commonwealth plans can be addressed to the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy.



CARMICHAEL COAL AND RAIL PROJECT – FURTHER PLANS REQUIRED

Further Plans required			
	Description	Jurisdiction	When required
1	Black-throated Finch Management Plan	Queensland	Before mining operations commence
2	Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan	Queensland	Before mining operations commence
3	Groundwater Management and Monitoring Plan	Queensland	Before first box cut (first extraction of coal)
4	Great Artesian Basin Springs Research Plan	Commonwealth	Before first box-cut (first extraction of coal)
5	Rewan Formation Connectivity Research Plan	Commonwealth	Before first box-cut (first extraction of coal)
6	Offset Area Management Plan Moray Downs West – Offset Delivery Stage 1 – Carmichael Coal and Rail	Commonwealth & Queensland	For Queensland, this is prior to impacting Matters of State Environmental Significance.
7	Seismic Survey Management Plan	Commonwealth	Before seismic survey activities (not currently required)
8	Subsidence Management Plan	Queensland	Prior to commencing underground mining (not currently required)
9	Groundwater Model Review	Queensland	Within 2 years of the first box cut (first extraction of coal)
10	Groundwater Monitoring Network	Queensland	Before first box-cut (first extraction of coal)

~~DES can confirm that the~~The Carmichael mine site hosts the largest known population of the endangered Southern Black-throated Finch, with the largest flocks ever recorded being at a site ~~known as Ten Mile Bore~~ within the project area.

Adani must make a commitment in the BTFMP to establish a robust estimate of the population of the Black-throated Finch in the project area.

A population estimate is required in order to demonstrate that the Black-throated Finch population is maintained by Adani, and ensure the management and mitigation measures in the BTFMP are effective.

~~The high quality and intact habitats in the Galilee Basin provide the greatest potential for maintain a viable population of Black throated Finch.~~

ENDS

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AGENCY BACKGROUND – NOT FOR PUBLICATION (do not include in response to media)

CARMICHAEL COAL AND RAIL PROJECT – FURTHER PLANS REQUIRED

Further Plans required			
	Description	Jurisdiction	When required



1	Black-throated Finch Management Plan	Queensland	Before mining operations commence
2	Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan	Queensland	Before mining operations commence
3	Groundwater Management and Monitoring Plan	Queensland	Before first box cut (first extraction of coal)
4	Great Artesian Basin Springs Research Plan	Commonwealth	Before first box-cut (first extraction of coal)
5	Rewan Formation Connectivity Research Plan	Commonwealth	Before first box-cut (first extraction of coal)
6	Offset Area Management Plan Moray Downs West – Offset Delivery Stage 1 – Carmichael Coal and Rail	Commonwealth & Queensland	For Queensland, this is prior to impacting Matters of State Environmental Significance.
7	Seismic Survey Management Plan	Commonwealth	Before seismic survey activities (not currently required)
8	Subsidence Management Plan	Queensland	Prior to commencing underground mining (not currently required)
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Ph: 4987 9338
Date: 07 May 2019

Endorsed: Dean Ellwood, DDG ESR
Ph: 07 3330 5826
Date: 07 May 2019



Date : 18/04/2019 1:36:51 PM

From : "DLO DES"

To : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA URGENT APPROVAL - Adani response to Channel 7

Attachment : 180419 - Carmichael Mine approvals - Channel

7.docx;image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;image006.png;

Hi Jamie – attached is the Adani media response – for your urgent approval. Approved by DDG ESR.



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 1:31 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - Adani response to Channel 7

Hello DLOs

For ODG and MO approval, please.

The attached response to Channel 7 re the latest info on the Carmichael Mine approvals has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Many thanks.

Kieran

Kieran Lewis

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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 10:59 AM

To: Media DES; DLO DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye; Sonja Litz

Subject: FW: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

Hi team – can you please work on a media response to this.

I think it might be worth a line in there about the process undertaken previously when Adani provided updated GDEMPs to both Federal and State Government at the same time, but this did not occur on the most recent occasion.

Thanks,
Pam



Pamela Frost

Senior Media Advisor

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From: Edwards, Erin <eedwards@seven.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 10:55 AM

To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

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From: eedwards@seven.com.au

Date: 18 April 2019 at 10:51:38 am AEST

To: pam.frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Subject: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

Hi Pam

7 news Brisbane is following up adani story today.

I've asked the group where approval process is at.

They've sent me below statement - accusing state government of lacking commitment for time frames and questioning whether it is political.

Could we have some clarification please on this process

I'm on (4) (6) Personal inform

Thank you
Erin

From Adani

"At the Queensland Department of Environment and Science's request, Adani Mining provided a comprehensive list of deficiencies and errors that relate to the Wintle Report on 15 March 2019. One month on and a number of meetings with officials later, we are still yet to receive any clarity on timing or process regarding their decision on the outstanding Black-Throated Finch Management Plan. The Queensland Government has now been engaged in finalising this plan for nearly two years. We submitted the final version in November 2018 and the Federal Department of Environment and Energy approved the very same plan only a few weeks later in December 2018.

"In relation to the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan (GDEMP) we understand that it took four days for the Federal Department of Environment and Energy to review the CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and also write to us with recommendations and suggestions based on the advice from CSIRO/Geoscience Australia. It is now a week on from the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science having received the complete CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and we are still in the dark as to the process and timing associated with finalising these plans. We have not received any feedback or communication from the Queensland Government Department in relation to the finalisation of the groundwater management plans.

"We are aware that the Queensland Department of Environment and Science officials were provided with correspondence that Adani Mining also received from the Federal Department of Environment and Energy on 27 February 2019, where the Federal Department outlined advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia, and provided recommendations which we adopted and incorporated into our groundwater management plans.

"We have also provided the Queensland Government with the updated groundwater management plans and all the information used in our response to the Federal Department of Environment and Energy so as to ensure that the Queensland Government have everything they need to make a decision in a timely and efficient manner.

"Minister Enoch keeps saying they will not involve politics in the Department's decision-making processes, but if this is the case we question the need for the Department's ongoing delays and lack of commitment to providing timeframes for decision-making.

"Our focus remains on getting the Carmichael Project up and running as quickly as possible so we can get on with delivering thousands of jobs for regional Queenslanders, but we can't do that unless the Queensland Government start giving us a fair go, like they would any other mining company."

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From : "DLO DES"

To : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "TONES Peter"

Subject : ADANI MEDIA URGENT APPROVAL - media statement Carmichael mine - Townsville Bulletin - dur 4pm

Attachment : 050419 - Adani project approvals - Townsville Bulletin.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image004.png;image005.png;

Hi Jamie – attached is a response for your approval. It is the same response from yesterday that you approved.

For your approval. The journalist would like a response by 4pm.
thanks



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From: BIDGOOD Nicole <Nicole.Bidgood@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 5 April 2019 2:26 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLO - approval required - media statement Carmichael mine - Townsville Bulletin - dur 4pm

Good afternoon. Attached is approved by DDG ESR. Please progress for ODG and MO approval thanks. Journo wanted by 4pm. Response uses same lines as the Reuters statement sent earlier.

Thanks,



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Date : 17/04/2019 4:22:09 PM

From : "DLO DES"

To : "TRACEY Alena" , "MERRICK Jamie"

Subject : ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Attachment : 170419 - Carmichael Mine approvals - Courier Mail.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Alena and Jamie – attached is a media response for Adani – for urgent approval.

Note that the response is the same as that which went to The Australian last night, with the addition of the highlighted paragraph: On 16 April, DES officers met with representatives from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to discuss their review.

Background:

The additional line is to address Domanii Cameron's specific question: "Has it sought any clarifications from CSIRO or GeoScience?". My understanding is that yesterday's meeting, in Canberra, was a "briefing" rather than specifically "seeking clarification".
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From: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 4:18 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; ESR

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

The attached response to the Courier Mail re Carmichael Mine approvals (the GDEMP and BTFMP) has been approved to DDG level.

Note that the response is the same as that which went to The Australian last night, with the addition of the highlighted paragraph: On 16 April, DES officers met with representatives from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to discuss their review.

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From: Cameron, Domanii <domanii.cameron@news.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 2:21 PM

To: Pamela Frost

Cc: Media DES

Subject: Courier Mail - Adani inquiry

Hi Pam,

I am chasing an update around Adani's groundwater management plan and the black-throated finch management plan.

1. Has DES finished going through the groundwater management plan? Where is this process currently at? Has it sought any clarifications from CSIRO or GeoScience?
2. Does DES know when it will finish with the BTFMP? Where is this process currently at?
3. Any further comments you wish to add.

My deadline is COB today.

Thank you,

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Media response

Re: Carmichael Mine approvals

For: Domanii Cameron
 Courier Mail
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 domanii.cameron@news.com.au

Enquiry received: 2.21pm, Wed 17 April 2019

Media deadline: COB, Wed 17 April 2019

Date: 17 April 2019

Questions

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Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

Two environmental approvals are still required from DES before significant disturbance can commence at the Carmichael mine site.

That includes the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) and the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP). There are no statutory timeframes for these approvals.

DES originally asked the Federal Government for a copy of the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia's report of their review into Adani's GDEMP (version10a) in early March.

DES was provided a copy of this report on Tuesday, 09 April. On the same morning, Adani also provided DES a copy of their updated GDEMP (version11b).

DES had been assessing the earlier version of the GDEMP.

The department is now working through the most recent version of the document, being the one approved by the Commonwealth and provided to DES last week.

DES is assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority conditions.

In doing so, DES will consider the issues and recommendations set out by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in their review.

On 16 April, DES officers met with representatives from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to discuss their review.

The department has been clear since last year, that it would await the outcome of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia analysis and advice, before making a decision on the GDEMP.

Given the complex and technical nature of these matters, DES will take the time necessary to thoroughly and comprehensively assess the information.

While DES continues to examine last week's submissions, based on a preliminary review of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia report, it is still to be determined if the GDEMP definitively identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This identification has always been a requirement for state approval.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's BTFMP to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised and DES is considering the final report and any other relevant information.

DES has met with Adani a number of times since the review was finalised to assist the company in working through the panel's recommendations and to ensure the BTFMP meets the environmental authority condition requirements.

ENDS

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Contact: Kate Bennink
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Endorsed: Dean Ellwood, DDG ESR
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Date: 17 April 2019

Date : 13/05/2019 3:48:44 PM

From : "DLO DES"

To : "TRACEY Alena"

Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : AMENDED ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

Attachment : image002.png;image005.jpg;image009.png;image010.png;130519 - Adani GDEMP - Brisbane Times.docx;image001.png;image003.jpg;image004.png;image005.png;image006.png;

Hi Alena – the department has amended the response. For your approval.
thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:46 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean

Subject: DLOs for approval - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

DLOs

For approval please – response to Brisbane Times' followup questions after receiving today's Adani statement.

It has been approved by Dean Ellwood.

The reporter would like a response today.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019

Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

Questions

Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

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(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

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No. As per the CSIRO report, the review was undertaken on GMMP revision 5 and GDEMP version 10a:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/cb8a9e41-eba5-47a4-8b72-154d0a5a6956/files/csiro-geoscience-australia-final-advice.pdf>

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The latest version of the GDEMP, developed by Adani, is Version 11b and is available on Adani's website here:

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ENDS

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From: ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:28 PM

To: Media DES

Cc: WELLS Melissa; ESR; DOBBYN Andrea

Subject: Re: Dean for approval - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times

Approved

On 13 May 2019, at 3:24 pm, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dean

For approval please – response below/attached to Brisbane Times, which had followup questions after getting the latest Adani statement.

Melissa Wells has approved.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: 18-503 Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

File A

Page 61 of 141

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019

Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

Questions

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From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 12:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Re: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

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environments,” the [CSIRO's February 2019 groundwater studies found](#).

(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

On Mon, 13 May 2019 at 11:29, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:
Hi Tony, a departmental response is attached.

Regards,

DES media team

From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 10:06 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

Good morning.

There are stories in the Fin Review this morning that suggest the Queensland Govt has put a further delay in the way of the assessment of the Adani Mine.

Could you please explain what the Queensland Government has requested?

Thank you.

Tony Moore
3835 7518.

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Cc : "Media DES"

Subject : Carmichael mine response

Attachment : 010519 - Carmichael mine approvals - The Australian.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;

Hi Charlie,

Please see response attached.

Cheers



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Hi Domanii
Thanks for your enquiry. Please find the DES response attached.
Regards
Andrea



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Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 6:09 PM
To: Media DES
Subject: Inquiry

Hi guys,

How was the response going?

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From : "Media DES"

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Cc : "Media DES"

Subject : Erin- response from DES - Adani response to Channel 7

Attachment : 180419 - Carmichael Mine approvals - Channel 7.pdf;image006.png;image007.png;

Hi Erin,

Hope you are well.

Please see attached a response from DES.

Ben



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From: eedwards@seven.com.au

Date: 18 April 2019 at 10:51:38 am AEST

To: pam.frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Subject: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

Hi Pam

7 news Brisbane is following up adani story today.

I've asked the group where approval process is at.

They've sent me below statement - accusing state government of lacking commitment for time frames and questioning whether it is political.

Could we have some clarification please on this process

I'm on (6) Personal info

Thank you
Erin

From Adani

"At the Queensland Department of Environment and Science's request, Adani Mining provided a comprehensive list of deficiencies and errors that relate to the Wintle Report on 15 March 2019. One month on and a number of meetings with officials later, we are still yet to receive any clarity on timing or process regarding their decision on the outstanding Black-Throated Finch Management Plan. The Queensland Government has now been engaged in finalising this plan for nearly two years. We submitted the final version in November 2018 and the Federal Department of Environment and Energy approved the very same plan only a few weeks later in December 2018.

"In relation to the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan (GDEMP) we understand that it took four days for the Federal Department of Environment and Energy to review the CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and also write to us with recommendations and suggestions based on the advice from CSIRO/Geoscience Australia. It is now a week on from the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science having received the complete CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and we are still in the dark as to the process and timing associated with finalising these plans. We have not received any feedback or communication from the Queensland Government Department in relation to the finalisation of the groundwater management plans.

"We are aware that the Queensland Department of Environment and Science officials were provided with correspondence that Adani Mining also received from the Federal Department of Environment and Energy on 27 February 2019, where the Federal Department outlined advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia, and provided recommendations which we adopted and incorporated into our groundwater management plans.

"We have also provided the Queensland Government with the updated groundwater management plans and all the information used in our response to the Federal Department of Environment and Energy so as to ensure that the Queensland Government

have everything they need to make a decision in a timely and efficient manner.

“Minister Enoch keeps saying they will not involve politics in the Department’s decision-making processes, but if this is the case we question the need for the Department’s ongoing delays and lack of commitment to providing timeframes for decision-making.

“Our focus remains on getting the Carmichael Project up and running as quickly as possible so we can get on with delivering thousands of jobs for regional Queenslanders, but we can’t do that unless the Queensland Government start giving us a fair go, like they would any other mining company.”

Sent from my iPhone

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Cc : "TRACEY Alena"

Subject : FW: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Attachment : 160419 - Carmichael Mine approvals - The

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Here you go – as requested.

thanks



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From: TRACEY Alena <Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 4:20 PM

To: DLO DES; MERRICK Jamie

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: RE: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Approved, thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:57 PM

To: MERRICK Jamie; TRACEY Alena

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Hi Jamie – attached is a media response for your approval re: Adani. It is the same response that was used yesterday and Friday's responses to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

thanks



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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:52 PM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Media DES
Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP
Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to The Australian re the GDEMP and the BTFMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

The response is a direct cut and paste from yesterday's and Friday's responses to The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

Regards

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From: Owens, Jared <owensj@theaustralian.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 11:21 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Adani Carmichael -- The Australian

Hello,

I'm seeking updated info on Adani Carmichael.

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's GDEMP?

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's BTFMP?

Thanks,
Jared

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JARED OWENS
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Date : 5/04/2019 2:52:23 PM

From : "TRACEY Alena"

To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "'TONES Peter (Peter.Tones@des.qld.gov.au)'"

Subject : FW: ADANI MEDIA URGENT APPROVAL - media statement Carmichael mine - Townsville Bulletin - dur 4pm

Attachment : 050419 - Adani project approvals - Townsville

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Hi – Jamie has updated. He has approved. Alena



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 5 April 2019 2:28 PM

To: MERRICK Jamie; TRACEY Alena

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: ADANI MEDIA URGENT APPROVAL - media statement Carmichael mine - Townsville Bulletin - dur 4pm

Importance: High

Hi Jamie – attached is a response for your approval. It is the same response from yesterday that you approved.

For your approval. The journalist would like a response by 4pm.
thanks



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From: BIDGOOD Nicole <Nicole.Bidgood@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 5 April 2019 2:26 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLO - approval required - media statement Carmichael mine - Townsville Bulletin - dur 4pm

Good afternoon. Attached is approved by DDG ESR. Please progress for ODG and MO approval thanks. Journo wanted by 4pm. Response uses same lines as the Reuters statement sent earlier.

Thanks,



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Date : 12/04/2019 11:40:42 AM
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To : "TRACEY Alena" , "KLAASSEN Ben"
Cc : "TONES Peter"
Subject : FW: Adani
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FYI

From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 11:10 AM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Pamela Frost; Roslyn.Lye@ministerial.qld.gov.au; Media DES
Subject: FW: Adani

Hello all

FYI – another Adani one has just come in.

Since the journalist has a tight deadline we'll look at getting some earlier lines together for her, and hope to have to you for approval soonish.

K

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From: Christine Mckee <Christine.Mckee@capnews.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 11:07 AM
To: Media DES
Cc: Frazer Pearce
Subject: Adani

Good morning,

Can you please confirm what information you still require from Adani in order to finalise approvals for BTFMP and GDEMP?

My deadline is 2pm, thank you.

Regards
Christine

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To : "Media DES"

Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena" , "TONES Peter" , "DLO DES"

Subject : FW: AMENDED ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

Attachment : 130519 - Adani GDEMP - Brisbane

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Hi Media

Please find attached suggested edits by the MO. Please check with relevant officers in DES before sending back to the journalist.

Regards

Regula

From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 5:18 PM

To: DLO DES; Rosalyn Lye

Cc: TONES Peter; Media DES

Subject: RE: AMENDED ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

Hi, we've made some suggestions regarding the response to the last question, to keep consistent with the earlier statement, and to ensure clarity.

Please check with relevant people in DES before sending back to journalist.



Pamela Frost

Senior Media Advisor

Office of the Hon. Leeane Enoch MP

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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 4:12 PM

To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Rosalyn Lye <Rosalyn.Lye@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: TONES Peter <Peter.Tones@des.qld.gov.au>; Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: AMENDED ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

Hi Pam/Ros – attached is a media response for your approval. Approved by DG.

Media – DG made a minor change – re-ordering of words in first response.

thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:49 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: MERRICK Jamie; TONES Peter

Subject: AMENDED ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

Hi Alena – the department has amended the response. For your approval.

thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:46 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean

Subject: DLOs for approval - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

DLOs

For approval please – response to Brisbane Times' followup questions after receiving today's Adani statement.

It has been approved by Dean Ellwood.

The reporter would like a response today.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019

Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

Questions

Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

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2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?

The latest version of the GDEMP, developed by Adani, is Version 11b and is available on Adani's website here:

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In regards to the CSIRO's report and in light of a resubmitted GDEMP (version 11b), DES is seeking clarity and feedback regarding the level of certainty around the source aquifer, its monitoring and management.

ENDS

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Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:28 PM
To: Media DES
Cc: WELLS Melissa; ESR; DOBBYN Andrea
Subject: Re: Dean for approval - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times

Approved

On 13 May 2019, at 3:24 pm, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dean

For approval please – response below/attached to Brisbane Times, which had followup questions after getting the latest Adani statement.

Melissa Wells has approved.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

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Media deadline: 13 May 2019

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From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 12:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Re: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

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(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

On Mon, 13 May 2019 at 11:29, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Tony, a departmental response is attached.

Regards,

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From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 10:06 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

Good morning.

There are stories in the Fin Review this morning that suggest the Queensland Govt has put a further delay in the way of the assessment of the Adani Mine.

Could you please explain what the Queensland Government has requested?

Thank you.

Tony Moore
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No. As per the CSIRO report, the review was undertaken on GDEMP version 10a and GMMP revision 5: <https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/cb8a9e41-eba5-47a4-8b72-154d0a5a6956/files/csiro-geoscience-australia-final-advice.pdf>

2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?

The latest version of the GDEMP, developed by Adani, is Version 11b and is available on Adani's website here: <https://www.adaniaustralia.com/-/media/Project/Australia/Our-Projects--Businesses/mine-environment-reporting/GDEMP-Final-V11b-19March2019.pdf?la=en&hash=C4988A8485428FD234C4A09023D08B34>

3 - Is it correct to say Qld's Department of Environment and Science wants to corroborate the groundwater data which led the CSIRO to say in its report.

In regards to the CSIRO's report and in light of a resubmitted GDEMP (version 11b), which Adani submitted to DES on 9 April following approval by the Federal Government, DES is seeking updated advice from

CSIRO and Geoscience Australia on the latest version of the GDEMP, which is not the version that was reviewed by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia.

This includes further clarification around the evidence to support identification of the source aquifer(s) of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

~~clarity and feedback regarding the level of certainty around the source aquifer, its monitoring and management.~~

ENDS

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Subject : FW: DLO - new media response for approval - latest on Adani - SMH - URGENT

Attachment : image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;image007.png;image008.png;

Hi Alena –could you please consider this adani response for progression to MO?

Thanks,

Raylene



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Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 3:38 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; TRACEY Ben; DE JERSEY Timothy

Subject: DLO - new media response for approval - latest on Adani - SMH - URGENT

Hi DLO,

Please see below our draft response approved by Dean Ellwood and Rob Lawrence.

For DG/MO approval.

The Department of Environment and Science has sought updated advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia on Adani's Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan.

This includes further clarification around the evidence to support identification of the source aquifer(s) of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This advice will be important in assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority requirements.

Regarding the Black Throated Finch Management Plan, the department has asked Adani to make a number of commitments to enable this plan to be finalised.

Departmental representatives met with Adani today. This is a continuation of a series of meetings held between the department and the company to progress the plans and negotiations are continuing.



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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 10:16 AM

To: DLO DES; Media DES

Cc: Rosalyn Iyer

Subject: Latest on Adani

Hi team,

I have received an inquiry from the Sydney Morning Herald.
The journalist, Peter Hannam phannam@smh.com.au, is seeking the latest information on Adani approvals.

Can you please get a statement together with the latest information?

Thanks,
Pam



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From: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 11:51 AM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Media DES; Pamela Frost; Rosalyn Lye
Subject: DLOs - FYI - An Adani enquiry from The Australian

Hello DLOs

FYI

A response to The Australian's latest questions re Adani is in approvals. The Australian has a 4pm deadline for this.

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From: Peel, Charlie <peelc1@theaustralian.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 11:42 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Adani Groundwater Management Plan

Good morning,
Speaking on Sky News yesterday, Adani Mining s.73 aid the Department of Environment and Science had put in place a contract that includes fee for service with CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to do a further review on the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan.

Is this correct?
Have timeframes been set out for CSIRO and GeoScience Australia to update their review of the latest version of the GDEMP?

A response by 4pm would be appreciated.
Regards,

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Subject : FW: Pam FYI: Seven News Mackay request

FYI below - a response will be coming through very shortly

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From: BIDGOOD Nicole <Nicole.Bidgood@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 11:07 AM
To: Pamela Frost
Cc: DLO DES; Rosalyn Lye; Media DES
Subject: Pam FYI: Seven News Mackay request

FYI this has just come in Pam.

-----Original Message-----

From: Simpson, Amelia <AmSimpson@Seven.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 10:34 AM
To: Media DES
Cc: Moss, Elisabeth; Bailey, Sophie
Subject: Seven News Mackay request

Morning,

Amelia here from Seven Mackay. We're following up a story on Adani's Black throated Finch management plan and how the Queensland co-ordinator-general approved an Environmental Impact statement mentioning the presence of the same bird in 2014 for QCoal's Byerwen open-cut Coal mine.

We're also including the fact that traditional owners are concerned about the wetlands surrounding the Carmichael site, namely the Doongmabulla springs.

Can we request a statement detailing:

- Are traditional owners' concerns on the wetlands being considered?
- Why the Qcoal mine was approved, but not Adani, with its Black throated Finch management plan.
- Is there an expected date Adani will know an answer on both Black throated Finch and groundwater management plans?

I have a 3pm deadline.

Any questions, I'm on (6) Personal information

Cheers,
Amelia

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Subject : FW: URGENT - Draft media statement
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Hi ESR
Just cc you into an urgent request which was sent directly to Dean and the DG.

Regula

From: Hannah Jackson <Hannah.Jackson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 1:38 PM
To: MERRICK Jamie; ELLWOOD Dean
Cc: DLO DES; Pamela Frost
Subject: URGENT - Draft media statement
Importance: High

Below is a proposed media statement from the Minister. Can we get clarity around the highlighted line please, which reflects Minister Price's statement.
Other feedback also welcome.

From Minister for Environment:

After a month of multiple requests, the Queensland Government received the CSIRO report 30 minutes before the Federal Minister's statement.

The Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) will be considered against Queensland's own environmental conditions.

Queensland decisions will be made by the independent environmental regulator, free from political interference.

Initial advice from the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES) is that a number of uncertainties remain, including whether the GDEMP definitively identifies the source aquifer of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex, which has always been a requirement for state approval.

I also note Minister Price's statement that the project must meet further stringent conditions of approval from the Commonwealth before it can begin producing coal.

Under the Palaszczuk Government, resources companies have committed to more than \$20 billion worth of mining projects in Queensland.



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Hi – pls see below, a response is being prepared. thanks
Peta

From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 10:59 AM
To: Media DES; DLO DES
Cc: Rosalyn Lye; Sonja Litz
Subject: FW: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

Hi team – can you please work on a media response to this.
I think it might be worth a line in there about the process undertaken previously when Adani provided updated GDEMPs to both Federal and State Government at the same time, but this did not occur on the most recent occasion.

Thanks,
Pam



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Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 10:55 AM
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Date: 18 April 2019 at 10:51:38 am AEST
To: pam.frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Subject: Adani accused state government of 'lack of commitment' & making it political

Hi Pam

7 news Brisbane is following up adani story today.

I've asked the group where approval process is at.

They've sent me below statement - accusing state government of lacking commitment for time frames and questioning whether it is political.

Could we have some clarification please on this process

I'm on 4(6) Personal inform

Thank you
Erin

From Adani

"At the Queensland Department of Environment and Science's request, Adani Mining provided a comprehensive list of deficiencies and errors that relate to the Wintle Report on 15 March 2019. One month on and a number of meetings with officials later, we are still yet to receive any clarity on timing or process regarding their decision on the outstanding Black-Throated Finch Management Plan. The Queensland Government has now been engaged in finalising this plan for nearly two years. We submitted the final version in November 2018 and the Federal Department of Environment and Energy approved the very same plan only a few weeks later in December 2018.

"In relation to the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan (GDEMP) we understand that it took four days for the Federal Department of Environment and Energy to review the CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and also write to us with recommendations and suggestions based on the advice from CSIRO/Geoscience Australia. It is now a week on from the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science having received the complete CSIRO/Geoscience Australia report and we are still in the dark as to the process and timing associated with finalising these plans. We have not received any feedback or communication from the Queensland Government Department in relation to the finalisation of the groundwater management plans.

"We are aware that the Queensland Department of Environment and Science officials were provided with correspondence that Adani Mining also received from the Federal Department of Environment and Energy on 27 February 2019, where the Federal Department outlined advice from CSIRO and Geoscience Australia, and provided recommendations which we adopted and incorporated into our groundwater management plans.

"We have also provided the Queensland Government with the updated groundwater management plans and all the information used in our response to the Federal Department of Environment and Energy so as to ensure that the Queensland Government have everything they need to make a decision in a timely and efficient manner.

"Minister Enoch keeps saying they will not involve politics in the Department's decision-making processes, but if this is the case we question the need for the Department's ongoing delays and lack of commitment to providing timeframes for decision-making.

"Our focus remains on getting the Carmichael Project up and running as quickly as possible so we can get on with delivering thousands of jobs for regional Queenslanders, but we can't do that unless the Queensland Government start giving us a fair go, like they would any other mining company."

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FYI below – a response is being prepared. thanks



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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 11:53 AM
To: DLO DES; Pamela Frost; Rosalyn Lye
Cc: Media DES
Subject: FW: Adani Carmichael -- The Australian

Hi all

FYI – a response to the Australian re the Adani GDEMP and BTFMP is now in approvals. You've seen the words before. There should be no surprises when it comes along.

Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 11:21 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Adani Carmichael -- The Australian

Hello,

I'm seeking updated info on Adani Carmichael.

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's GDEMP?

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's BTFMP?

Thanks,
Jared

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Subject : MEDIA for approval - response to Brisbane Times re groundwater testing and the Carmichael coal mine

Attachment : 220319 - Groundwater testing and the Carmichael coal mine - Brisbane Times.docx;image001.png;image002.png;

Hi Jamie/Alenda

Please find attached a media response to the Brisbane Times regarding the Carmichael coal mine for your approval.

This is due today for a story to be published on Monday.

Regards

Regula



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Sent: Friday, 22 March 2019 4:46 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; WELLS Melissa

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Brisbane Times re groundwater testing and the Carmichael coal mine

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Brisbane Times re groundwater testing and the Carmichael coal mine has been departmentally approved to DDG level. (DDG Dean Ellwood has specifically requested this been run past the ODG.)

We would like to have this response to the Brisbane Times today if possible, for a story to be published on Monday next week.

Regards

Kieran Lewis

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Sent: Friday, 22 March 2019 11:55 AM

To: Media <media@environment.gov.au>; Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Brisbane Times enquiry about groundwater testing and Adani's Carmichael Mine

Questions to both the Queensland and Australian governments please.

Good morning.

I am trying to learn exactly what are the facts behind the latest groundwater testing of Adani's Carmichael Mine in Queensland's Galilee Basin.

I have looked and read the November 2018 groundwater study of the impact on groundwater by the Carmichael Mine that was prepared for Adani by Eco Logical and finished in November 2018.

In very broad terms it shows some small reduction in bore hole water flow at the ecologically significant, Doongmabulla Spings.

This area is important because it needs separate approval to go ahead because of its possible impact on the Great Artesian Basin

However, aquifer hydrologist Professor Matt Curnow has told me the data used by Eco Logical to assess the impact on borehole flow is old - 2015 data.

He says the impact will be more intensive.

Question 1 Is Eco Logical's groundwater inferences based on 2013-15 data?

Professor Curnow told me that The federal Dept of Env is now evaluating the data from Eco Logical against a second set set of groundwater testing done by CSIRO and given to the federal department in January 2019.

Quest 2 To what degree is that true?

Question 3 - Does the 2019 CSIRO groundwater data gathered by the CSIRO and given to the federal government's department of environment in January 2019 show a more significant impact on the Doongmabulla Springs area than the inferences drawn by Eco Logical in their November 2018 study.

Question 4 - If so, to what degree?

Question 5 - What exactly is happening with the evaluation now?

Question 6 - Can I confirm this please

a) Does Adani Mining need to be able to satisfy the federal department of environment and the Queensland Department of Environment and Science that it has identified the source of the Doongmabulla Springs for the mining project to get approval?

b) Does Adani need to separately **ALSO** need to prove that the Carmichael Mine operation will not impact the groundwater flow (from the Great Artesian Basin) to the Doongmabulla Springs?

Question 7: Has the federal government's evaluation of these two issues been finalised yet?
Has the Queensland Government's evaluation of these groundwater issues been completed?

Question 8: What is the latest status of the latest study into the impact on the black-throated finch by the Queensland Government?

Question 9 : Is it still correct to say that all three of these areas need to be approved by both the federal and Queensland governments before approval is given to the Carmichael Mine project?

Tony Moore
(07) 3835 7518.

I am writing this story for Monday.

Could I please have responses in time for this publication date.

Thank you.

Media response

Re: Groundwater testing and Adani's Carmichael Mine

For: Tony Moore
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Enquiry received: 12.05 pm, Friday 22 March 2019, via Minister's Office

Media deadline: Required for a Monday (25 March) publication date

Date: 22 March 2019

I am trying to learn exactly what are the facts behind the latest groundwater testing of Adani's Carmichael Mine in Queensland's Galilee Basin.

I have looked and read the November 2018 groundwater study of the impact on groundwater by the Carmichael Mine that was prepared for Adani by Eco Logical and finished in November 2018.

In very broad terms it shows some small reduction in bore hole water flow at the ecologically significant, Doongmabulla Spings.

This area is important because it needs separate approval to go ahead because of its possible impact on the Great Artesian Basin.

However, aquifer hydrologist Professor Matt Curnow has told me the data used by Eco Logical to asses the impact on borehole flow is old - 2015 data.

He says the impact will be more intensive.

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

Question 1: *Is Eco Logical's groundwater inferences based on 2013-15 data? Professor Curnow told me that the federal Dept of Env is now evaluating the data from Eco Logical against a second set set of groundwater testing done by CSIRO and given to the federal department in January 2019.*

Question 2: *To what degree is that true?*

Question 3: *Does the 2019 CSIRO groundwater data gathered by the CSIRO and given to the federal government's department of environment in January 2019 show a more significant impact on the Doongmabulla Springs area than the inferences drawn by Eco Logical in their November 2018 study.*

Question 4: *If so, to what degree?*

Question 5: *What exactly is happening with the evaluation now?*

Response to Questions 1-5: These questions are best addressed to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy.

Question 6: *Can I confirm this please:*

a) Does Adani Mining need to be able to satisfy the federal department of environment and the Queensland Department of Environment and Science that it has identified the source of the Doongmabulla Springs for the mining project to get approval?

Response: Adani is required to identify the source aquifer of the Doongmabulla Springs complex prior to the approval of the GDEMP for the project.

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) must approve the GDEMP prior to the commencement of significant mining activities at the Carmichael Coal Mine.

b) Does Adani need to separately ALSO need to prove that the Carmichael Mine operation will not impact the groundwater flow (from the Great Artesian Basin) to the Doongmabulla Springs?

Response: This question is best addressed to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy as the Great Artesian Basin and Doongmabulla Springs Complex are Federal environmental matters.

Question 7: *Has the federal government's evaluation of these two issues been finalised yet? Has the Queensland Government's evaluation of these groundwater issues been completed?*

Response: The first part of this question is best addressed to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy.

In regards to the second part, DES is yet to approve Adani's GDEMP for the Carmichael Coal Mine.

The Commonwealth Government obtained an independent scientific review of the GDEMP by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia.

DES has requested that the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy provide a copy of the independent scientific review by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia, so that the review findings can be considered before making a decision on approval of the GDEMP.

Question 8: *What is the latest status of the latest study into the impact on the black-throated finch by the Queensland Government?*

Response: The Black-throated Finch (southern subspecies) is listed as an endangered species in Queensland and nationally.

The mine site is the location of the most significant known population of the Black-throated Finch (southern subspecies) in Australia.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP) to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised. It is important to note that the panel's report is advice to DES and DES will consider the panel's report and any other relevant information in making a decision on the BTFMP.

DES has not yet approved the BTFMP.

Question 9: *Is it still correct to say that all three of these areas need to be approved by both the federal and Queensland governments before approval is given to the Carmichael Mine project?*

Response: The Environmental Authority (EA) for the Carmichael Coal Mine was granted to Adani Mining Pty Ltd on 2 February 2016 and took effect on the granting of the mining leases on 3 April 2016.

However, 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>) cannot commence until DES approves the GDEMP and the BTFMP.

Questions relating to Commonwealth approvals for the Carmichael Mine are best addressed to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy.

ENDS

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AGENCY BACKGROUND – NOT FOR PUBLICATION (do not include in response to media)

The Commonwealth Government approved the BTFMP on 18 December 2018.

In relation to Question 6(b): The EPBC approval for Carmichael Mine authorises a 0.2m groundwater drawdown to the Doongmabulla Springs Complex and therefore they are not authorised to have a greater groundwater drawdown impact than that.

In relation to Question 7: DES has not yet received a copy of the independent scientific review.

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From : "WATSON Matthew"

To : "Pamela Frost"

Cc : "DLO DES" , "TRACEY Alena" , "Rosalyn Lye" , "Media DES"

Subject : Pam: approved response attached

Attachment : 010519 - Carmichael mine approvals - The Australian.docx;image001.png;image002.png;

Hi Pam,

Please see approved response attached.

Okay to go?

Cheers



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Date : 12/04/2019 12:27:57 PM

From : "KLAASSEN Ben"

To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "TRACEY Alena" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : Re: ADANI - URGENT APPROVAL media response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

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Hi

Given I have no context or involvement I think Alena signing off would be best.

Regards

Ben

On 12 Apr 2019, at 12:07 pm, DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Alena ♦ please see attached media response for Adani - The response is a cut and paste from our response to the ABC on 08 April re BTFMP and the general media statement on the GDEMP on 09 April.

Approved by DDG ESR ♦ pls let me know if Ben needs to approve.

Deadline is 2pm.

thanks

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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 12:04 PM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; BENNINK Kate; ESR
Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

Hi DLOs

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Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 11:07 AM
To: Media DES
Cc: Frazer Pearce
Subject: Adani

Good morning,

Can you please confirm what information you still require from Adani in order to finalise approvals for BTFMP and GDEMP?

My deadline is 2pm, thank you.

Regards
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From : "TRACEY Alena"

To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "KLAASSEN Ben" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : RE: ADANI - URGENT APPROVAL media response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

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Hi Peta

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Thanks



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Subject: ADANI - URGENT APPROVAL media response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re Carmichael Mine approvals

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Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"
Subject : RE: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - response to The Australian re Adani GDEMP
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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 3:28 PM
To: TRACEY Alena
Cc: MERRICK Jamie; TONES Peter
Subject: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROAL - response to The Australian re Adani GDEMP
Importance: High

Hi Alena – attached is a media response for your approval re: Adani. Deadline is 4pm.
thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 3:25 PM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran
Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to The Australian re Adani GDEMP

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval, please.

The attached response to the Australian re the Adani GDEMP and advice we are seeking on this has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

The Australian has a 4pm deadline for this.

Regards

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From: Peel, Charlie <peelc1@theaustralian.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 11:42 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Adani Groundwater Management Plan

Good morning,
Speaking on Sky News yesterday, Adani Mining CEO Lucas Dow said the Department of Environment and Science had put in place a contract that includes fee for service with CSIRO and Geoscience Australia to do a further review on the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan.

Is this correct?
Have timeframes been set out for CSIRO and GeoScience Australia to update their review of the latest version of the GDEMP?

A response by 4pm would be appreciated.
Regards,

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To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "TONES Peter" , "KLAASSEN Ben"

Subject : RE: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re GDEMP approval

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Hi Peta

Approved

Thanks

Alena



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 12:44 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: TONES Peter; KLAASSEN Ben

Subject: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re GDEMP approval

Importance: High

Hi Alena – attached is a media response for you approval re: Adani GDEMP – approved by DDG ESR.

thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

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To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re GDEMP approval

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin re the Adani GDEMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Regards

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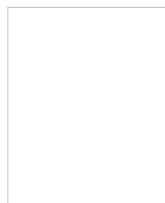
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Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 9:03 AM
To: Jack Evans
Cc: Rosalyn Lye; Media DES
Subject: Re: GDEMP

Hi Jack,

Yes this one would be best directed to DES.
I have cc-ed in the media team who will be able to assist.

Thanks,
Pam



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On 15 Apr 2019, at 8:29 am, Jack Evans <Jack.Evans@capnews.com.au> wrote:

Good Morning Pam,

I Hope you're well.

I am seeking some more information regarding this statement received last week;

'Based on the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia report, initial advice from DES is that a number of uncertainties remain. This includes whether the GDEMP definitively identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex, which has always been a requirement for state approval.'

I'm wondering what the other uncertainties are, and whether a conclusion has been reached regarding identifying the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs.

Let me know if this is one to send to the DES instead.

Look Forward to hearing from you,

Thanks,

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Subject : RE: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;image006.png;image007.png;

Thanks Alena – Jamie just looked at it and wants to make some changes.



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From: TRACEY Alena <Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 4:20 PM

To: DLO DES; MERRICK Jamie

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: RE: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Approved, thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:57 PM

To: MERRICK Jamie; TRACEY Alena

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: ADANI MEDIA - FOR APPROVAL: to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Hi Jamie – attached is a media response for your approval re: Adani. It is the same response that was used yesterday and Friday's responses to the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:52 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLO DES for approval - response to The Australian re BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Good afternoon DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to The Australian re the GDEMP and the BTFMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

The response is a direct cut and paste from yesterday's and Friday's responses to The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

Regards

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From: Owens, Jared <owensj@theaustralian.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 11:21 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Adani Carmichael -- The Australian

Hello,

I'm seeking updated info on Adani Carmichael.

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's GDEMP?

What is DES doing to assess Adani Carmichael's BTFMP?

Thanks,
Jared

--

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Date : 13/05/2019 1:54:52 PM

From : "TRACEY Alena"

To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"

Subject : RE: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL: Follow up questions from Brisbane Times about Adani GDEMP

Attachment : 130519 - Adani GDEMP - Brisbane Times.docx;120519 - Adani GDEMP - The Australian.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;image005.png;image006.png;image007.png;

Hi Peta

My reading of the question is that the first response is 'No, it was Version 10'. The Commonwealth / CSIRO assessed Version 10, not Version 11 as per Friday's statement (attached). Please have it double-checked.

Thanks
Alena



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 1:49 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: MERRICK Jamie; TONES Peter

Subject: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL: Follow up questions from Brisbane Times about Adani GDEMP

Hi Alena – don't know if you are able to approve the attached response (short and straight to the point) – it has been approved by DDG ESR.
thanks



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From: WATSON Matthew <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 1:44 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLO: Follow up questions from Brisbane Times about Adani GDEMP

Hi DLO,
Please see response below to follow up questions from the Brisbane Times.
Seeking ODG and MO approval.
Cheers

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019
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Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

Questions

From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 12:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Re: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

- 1 - Am I correct to say the information provided to Federal Govt by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in February 2019 was version 11 of the groundwater plan?
- 2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?
- 3 - Is it correct to say Qld's Department of Environment and Science wants to corroborate the groundwater data which led the CSIRO to say in its report.

“A number of limitations were also identified in the proposed monitoring and management approaches indicating they are not sufficiently robust to monitor and minimise impacts to protected environments,” the [CSIRO's February 2019 groundwater studies found](#).

(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

- 1 - Am I correct to say the information provided to Federal Govt by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in February 2019 was version 11 of the groundwater plan?

Yes.

- 2 - That is the latest groundwater plan from CSIRO?

Yes.

- 3 - Is it correct to say Qld's Department of Environment and Science wants to corroborate the groundwater data which led the CSIRO to say in its report.

In regards to CSIRO's report and in light of a resubmitted GDEMP (version 11), DES is seeking clarity and feedback regarding the level of certainty around the source aquifer, its monitoring and management.

ENDS

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Date : 3/05/2019 1:31:35 PM

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To : "TRACEY Alena"

Subject : Re: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - for approval please - Response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani

Attachment : image004.png;image005.png;image006.png;

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On 3 May 2019, at 1:22 pm, TRACEY Alena <Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Endorsed, thanks

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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 1:11 PM

To: MERRICK Jamie

Cc: TRACEY Alena; TONES Peter; DLO DES

Subject: ADANI MEDIA FOR APPROVAL - for approval please - Response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani

Hi Jamie – for your approval please.

Thanks,
Raylene

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Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 1:00 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; LEWIS Kieran

Subject: DLOs - for approval please - Response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani

Good afternoon DLOs

For your approval, please.

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Townsville Bulletin's deadline is 4pm today.

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From: McCormack, Madura <madura.mccormack@news.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 10:39 AM
To: Media DES
Subject: Townsville Bulletin: Adani BTFMP

Good morning guys,

Madura here from the Townsville Bulletin.

In relation to the recent decision by DES re: Adani's BTFMP, I am wondering if the Department would be able to provide more detail or the entire list of commitments it is seeking from Adani.

This is of course on top of the detail already provided from the DES statement.

"This includes gathering more accurate population information, which is vital to effectively manage and monitor the impacts of the project on the Black-throated Finch and essential habitats in the project area. DES invites Adani to make a clear commitment to a limited grazing regime in the project area, and to provide sufficient detail of research that will determine seed availability throughout the year. Both actions are vital to sustaining the Black-throated Finch population."

It would be good to get this in the spirit of transparency.

Adani has said the DES has specified the "academic qualifications required" namely;

"Our conditions require an experienced ecologist and yet the Department of Environment and Science is now trying to specify the academic qualifications required such as insisting on post graduate qualifications for certain activities. This is clearly beyond the scope of the requirement that we are obligated to meet."

- Can DES confirm that it is trying to specify the academic qualifications of Adani's ecologists?
- Is this beyond the scope, as Adani claims, of requirements?
- What is the specific wording of the request by DES and what does it apply to?

- While we are focusing on the BTFMP, is the DES also working through the GDEMP?
- Does the DES know when it will next meet with Adani to discuss the GDEMP or when it expects to either make a decision or make recommendations for change on this plan?

Would be great to grab a response as soon as possible or by 4pm today at the latest.

Thank you.

Regards,
Madura

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This is good to go our end



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Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 5:47 PM
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Cc: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>; Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals
Importance: High

Hi Pam/Ros
Please find attached the ED ODG approved Adani response for the Courier Mail.
Thanks
Regula

From: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 4:18 PM
To: DLO DES
Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; ESR
Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals
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From: Cameron, Domanii <domanii.cameron@news.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 2:21 PM
To: Pamela Frost
Cc: Media DES
Subject: Courier Mail - Adani inquiry

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To : "WATSON Matthew"

Subject : Re: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

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From: WATSON Matthew

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:04:02 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Subject: RE: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Thanks Alena,
To both is good!
Cheers



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To: WATSON Matthew

Subject: FW: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Hi Matt ♦ just realised that I am rusty at this out of hours things. Do I send to Media DES or you?

Thanks
Alena

From: TRACEY Alena

Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 5:39 PM

To: DLO DES; Media DES

Cc: 'MERRICK Jamie' (Jamie.Merrick@des.qld.gov.au)

Subject: RE: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Approved on basis of DG♦s approval yesterday

Thanks



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Subject: ADANI URGENT APPROVAL - MEDIA response to Courier Mail re Adani approvals

Importance: High

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To : "WATSON Matthew"

Subject : RE: Alena for approval - Adani management plans - response to The Australian

Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image003.jpg;

Hi – Just sent you Jamie's approval

From: WATSON Matthew <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 6:12 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: Media DES

Subject: Alena for approval - Adani management plans - response to The Australian

Hi Alena,

I'm the on-call person.

Wondering how this is all going!

Cheers



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:37 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: DLO DES; Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean; GRANT Andrea; WATSON Matthew

Subject: Alena for approval - Adani management plans - response to The Australian

Alena

See below a response to The Australian – approved by Dean Ellwood.

For approval please.

The text of the response is in Pam's email below Dean's and mine.

Andrea



Andrea Dobbyn

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I acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country, and their connection to land, sea and community. I pay my respect to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

From: ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:32 PM

To: Media DES

Cc: GRANT Andrea; WATSON Matthew; WELLS Melissa; BENNINK Kate; ESR

Subject: Re: Dean for approval - Adani management plans - response to The Australian

That's fine

Dean Ellwood

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On 1 May 2019, at 5:29 pm, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dean
See below.
Are you happy with that suggested response to The Australian?
Thanks
Andrea

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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:25 PM

To: Media DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye; DLO DES; ELLWOOD Dean; GRANT Andrea; WATSON Matthew

Subject: RE: Pam re: Adani management plans - enquiry from The Australian

We suggest adding these lines, as I've highlighted below.
But they will need to be checked by DG and DDG.

(Please note the rest of the response remains the same, except for having moved the line "DES continues to work with Adani..." from down the bottom to be now the third line. Have also removed the two details of GDEMP versions ("version 11b" etc) to avoid confusion).

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is meeting with the proponent tomorrow to discuss their outstanding management plans.

This meeting has been scheduled for the past week.

DES continues to work with Adani, as it would with any proponent, to progress its environmental approvals.

Two environmental approvals are still required from DES before significant disturbance can commence at the Carmichael mine site.

These are the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) and the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP). There are no statutory timeframes for these approvals.

DES originally asked the Federal Government for a copy of the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia's report of their review into Adani's GDEMP in early March.

DES was provided a copy of this report on Tuesday, 09 April. On the same morning, Adani also provided DES a copy of their updated GDEMP.
DES had been assessing the earlier version of the GDEMP.

The department is now working through the most recent version of the document, being the one approved by the Commonwealth and provided to DES on 09 April.

DES is assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority conditions.

In doing so, DES will consider the issues and recommendations set out by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in their review.

Based on a preliminary review of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia report, it is still to be determined if the GDEMP identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This identification has always been a requirement for state approval.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's BTFMP to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-Throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised and DES is considering the final report and any other relevant information.

Under Queensland's *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, approvals for the GDEMP and the BTFMP rest with the Department of

Environment and Science, as the State's environmental regulator, not with the Environment Minister.

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Subject: Pam re: Adani management plans - enquiry from The Australian

Pam

Are you happy for us to give The Australian the same response as went to the Fin Review today (attached)?

Andrea

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From: Peel, Charlie <peelc1@theaustralian.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Adani management plans

Hi,

As discussed, Adani (see below) claims to have been seeking clarity from DES for the past fortnight with no response. I'm chasing a comment from DES.

Cheers

"The Queensland Department of Environment and Science is required to finalise two outstanding management plans, the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan and the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan, so that we can start construction on the Carmichael Project.

"Adani Mining has been asking for advice from the Department of Environment and Science for two weeks now to understand what is required to finalise the outstanding management plans so that construction can commence on the Carmichael Project.

"On numerous occasions we have requested meetings with the Premier and Deputy Premier, to date all requests have been declined. We have repeatedly met with officials from the Department of Environment and Science, with no additional details provided on what is required to finalise these plans.

"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."

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Cc : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TONES Peter"

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Hi Peta

Approved

Thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:49 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: MERRICK Jamie; TONES Peter

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Hi Alena – the department has amended the response. For your approval.
thanks



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From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 3:46 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES; ELLWOOD Dean

Subject: DLOs for approval - Adani response (followup) Brisbane Times - due COB today

DLOs

For approval please – response to Brisbane Times' followup questions after receiving today's Adani statement.

It has been approved by Dean Ellwood.

The reporter would like a response today.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

Enquiry received: 13 May 2019
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Media deadline: 13 May 2019

Date: 13 May 2019

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Approved

On 13 May 2019, at 3:24 pm, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dean

For approval please – response below/attached to Brisbane Times, which had followup questions after getting the latest Adani statement.

Melissa Wells has approved.

Thanks

Andrea

Media response

Re: Adani follow – groundwater plan

For: Brisbane Times – Tony Moore

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From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 12:04 PM

To: Media DES

Subject: Re: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

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(Reported by Brisbane Times on April 11, 2019.)

On Mon, 13 May 2019 at 11:29, Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Tony, a departmental response is attached.

Regards,

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From: Anthony Moore <tony.moore@brisbanetimes.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 10:06 AM

To: Media DES

Subject: Brisbane Times questions over reports of a "another delays" to Adani project put in place by Queensland Govt

Good morning.

There are stories in the Fin Review this morning that suggest the Queensland Govt has put a further delay in the way of the assessment of the Adani Mine.

Could you please explain what the Queensland Government has requested?

Thank you.

Tony Moore

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To : "DLO DES"

Cc : "TONES Peter"

Subject : RE: DLO - new media response for approval - latest on Adani - SMH - URGENT

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Hi Raylene

I moved the last sentence to be the first. Endorsed for MO approval.

Thanks

Alena



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Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 3:43 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

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Subject: FW: DLO - new media response for approval - latest on Adani - SMH - URGENT

Hi Alena –could you please consider this adani response for progression to MO?

Thanks,

Raylene



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Cc: Media DES; TRACEY Ben; DE JERSEY Timothy

Subject: DLO - new media response for approval - latest on Adani - SMH - URGENT

Hi DLO,

Please see below our draft response approved by Dean Ellwood and Rob Lawrence.

For DG/MO approval.

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From: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 10:16 AM

To: DLO DES; Media DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye

Subject: Latest on Adani

Hi team,

I have received an inquiry from the Sydney Morning Herald.

The journalist, Peter Hannam phannam@smh.com.au, is seeking the latest information on Adani approvals.

Can you please get a statement together with the latest information?

Thanks,

Pam



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Approved, thanks



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Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2019 2:11 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

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Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DLO - New Adani query - Courier Mail - can we issue yesterday's response

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Cc : "WELLS Melissa"

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Oops – sorry, missed that. Absolutely ok.



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Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2019 2:33 PM

To: TRACEY Alena

Cc: WELLS Melissa

Subject: FW: FOR APPROVAL: DLO - New Adani query - Courier Mail - can we issue yesterday's response

Hi Alena – for the Adani statement that was issued yesterday, the MO would like the below sentence changed to past tense – are you ok with this?

Departmental representatives met with Adani ~~today~~ yesterday.

thanks



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From: DLO DES <DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2019 2:17 PM

To: Pamela Frost; Rosalyn Lye

Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DLO - New Adani query - Courier Mail - can we issue yesterday's response

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Peta

From: TRACEY Alena <Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2019 2:12 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: TONES Peter

Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: DLO - New Adani query - Courier Mail - can we issue yesterday's response

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Date : 29/04/2019 5:32:07 PM

From : "Pamela Frost"

To : "DLO DES" , "Rosalyn Lye"

Cc : "Media DES" , "TRACEY Alena"

Subject : RE: URGENT ADANI MEDIA: for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Attachment : 290419 - Carmichael mine approvals - Townsville

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Hi team,

Couple of small changes in the attached. Good to go with these changes.



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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 3:33 PM

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Subject: FW: URGENT ADANI MEDIA: for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Hi Pam/Ros – as requested attached is a media response for your approval. Verbally approved by DG and approved by DDG ESR. thanks



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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 3:05 PM

To: MERRICK Jamie; TRACEY Alena

Subject: URGENT ADANI MEDIA: for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Importance: High

Hi Jamie/Alena – attached is a response for Adani – deadline is 4.30pm today. Approved by DDG ESR.

thanks



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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 2:59 PM

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Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Hi DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Townsville Bulletin re the Adani BTFMP and GDEMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Regards

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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 1:32 PM

To: Media DES; DLO DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye

Subject: FW: Townsville Bulletin: Right of reply, Matt Canavan on Adani

Hi team, can you please get the latest lines on GDEMP and BTFMP together for Madura? See below. She needs them by 4.30pm.



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From: McCormack, Madura <madura.mccormack@news.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 1:17 PM

To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Auguston <augustt@min.internal>

Subject: Townsville Bulletin: Right of reply, Matt Canavan on Adani

Hey guys,

Madura here from the Townsville Bulletin.

Talked Adani to Minister Matt Canavan, who was in Townsville today, and I was hoping you would be able to grab a comment from Minister Enoch re: something Mr Canavan said today.

Namely, his perception that the State Government could approve Adani's remaining environmental management plans "today".

"They can do it now, they've had the BTFMP since December, they've had the CSIRO report now for about a month... snails move at a faster pace than these guys."

1) Does the Environment Minister reject this claim?

2) How far along are the approvals now?

3) Will a decision on the BTFMP and the GDEMP be made soon?

Thank you! Hoping for a response by about 4.30pm please.

Regards,

Madura

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Media response

Re: Carmichael mine approvals

For: Madura McCormack
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Enquiry received: 1.32 pm, Monday 29 April 2019, via M.O.

Townsville Bulletin deadline: 4.30 pm, Monday 29 April 2019.

Date: 29 April 2019

Questions

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- 1) Does the Environment Minister reject this claim?
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- 3) Will a decision on the BTFMP and the GDEMP be made soon?

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

Two environmental approvals are still required from DES before significant disturbance can commence at the Carmichael mine site.

These are the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) and the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP). There are no statutory timeframes for these approvals.

DES originally asked the Federal Government for a copy of the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia's report of their review into Adani's GDEMP (version10a) in early March.

DES was provided a copy of this report on Tuesday, 09 April. On the same morning, Adani also provided DES a copy of their updated GDEMP (version11b).

DES had been assessing the earlier version of the GDEMP.

The department is now working through the most recent version of the document, being the one approved by the Commonwealth and provided to DES on 09 April.

DES is assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority conditions.

In doing so, DES will consider the issues and recommendations set out by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in their review.

~~Given the complex and technical nature of these matters, DES will take the time necessary to thoroughly and comprehensively assess the information.~~

Based on a preliminary review of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia report, it is still to be determined if the GDEMP identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This identification has always been a requirement for state approval.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's BTFMP to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised and DES is considering the final report and any other relevant information.

DES continue to work with Adani, as it would with any proponent, to progress these environmental approvals ~~in a timely fashion.~~

Under Queensland's *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, approvals for the GDEMP and the BTFMP rest with the Department of Environment and Science, as the State's environmental regulator, not with the Environment Minister.

ENDS

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AGENCY BACKGROUND – NOT FOR PUBLICATION (do not include in response to media)

DES is to meet with Adani on 02 May 2019 to progress discussions on the BTFMP and the GDEMP.

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To : "MERRICK Jamie" , "TRACEY Alena"

Subject : URGENT ADANI MEDIA: for approval - response to Guardian Australia re Adani GDEMP

Attachment : 300419 - Adani GDEMP - Guardian Australia.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi Jamie – attached is a media response re: Adani – for your approval. Approved by DDG ESR – deadline is COB today.
thanks



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Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Guardian Australia re Adani GDEMP

Hello DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Guardian Australia re the Adani GDEMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Guardian Australia's deadline is COB today.

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From: Ben Smee <ben.smee@theguardian.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 30 April 2019 10:56 AM

To: Media DES

Subject:

Hi guys,

I have a question regarding Adani approvals that I'm hoping you can answer.

Adani has confirmed to me it has conducted no additional studies or modelling upon deciding to reduce the size of the Carmichael coalmine; that it would rely on modelling in the EIS, which was predicated on the construction / operation of a 60MTPA coalmine.

In addition to that, when asked to commit to "a particular mine plan and a particular amount of coal" by the CSIRO, Adani refused. The company supplied a map (attached) with very little specific detail.

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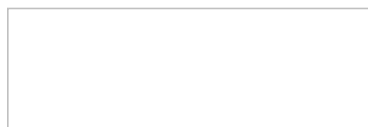
Thanks. Happy to chat this through should you need.

Keen for a response by the end of the day if possible.

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DES continues to work with Adani, as it would with any proponent, to progress the GDEMP.

The Carmichael Coal Mine approval was assessed based on a maximum footprint and scale of up to 60Mtpa product coal as described in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). While no additional approvals may be required for a smaller mine, certain matters, such as financial surety, may vary.

While Adani have made announcements about scaling-back the project, the scope of the environmental authority is based on the maximum project described in the EIS. The GDEMP and BTFMP are also required to consider the maximum potential impacts of the 60Mtpa project, including appropriate management and mitigation measures such as biodiversity offsets.

The State's environmental authority contains over 140 conditions for the regulation of the mine, including requirements to review groundwater modelling and management plans after operations commence.

Further details about conditions can be found in the EA for the Carmichael mine, which is available at <https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/env-authorities/pdf/epml01470513.pdf>.

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Subject : URGENT ADANI MEDIA: for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Attachment : 290419 - Carmichael mine approvals - Townsville

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Hi Jamie/Alena – attached is a response for Adani – deadline is 4.30pm today. Approved by DDG ESR.
thanks



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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 2:59 PM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Media DES

Subject: DLOs - for approval - response to Townsville Bulletin re Adani BTFMP and GDEMP

Hi DLOs

For ODG and MO approval please.

The attached response to the Townsville Bulletin re the Adani BTFMP and GDEMP has been departmentally approved to DDG level.

Regards

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Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 1:32 PM

To: Media DES; DLO DES

Cc: Rosalyn Lye

Subject: FW: Townsville Bulletin: Right of reply, Matt Canavan on Adani

Hi team, can you please get the latest lines on GDEMP and BTFMP together for Madura? See below. She needs them by 4.30pm.



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From: McCormack, Madura <madura.mccormack@news.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 1:17 PM

To: Pamela Frost <Pamela.Frost@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Auguston <augustt@min.internal>

Subject: Townsville Bulletin: Right of reply, Matt Canavan on Adani

Hey guys,

Madura here from the Townsville Bulletin.

Talked Adani to Minister Matt Canavan, who was in Townsville today, and I was hoping you would be able to grab a comment from Minister Enoch re: something Mr Canavan said today.

Namely, his perception that the State Government could approve Adani's remaining environmental management plans "today".

"They can do it now, they've had the BTFMP since December, they've had the CSIRO report now for about a month... snails move at a faster pace than these guys."

- 1) Does the Environment Minister reject this claim?
- 2) How far along are the approvals now?
- 3) Will a decision on the BTFMP and the GDEMP be made soon?

Thank you! Hoping for a response by about 4.30pm please.

Regards,
Madura

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Media response

Re: Carmichael mine approvals

For: Madura McCormack
Townsville Bulletin
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Enquiry received: 1.32 pm, Monday 29 April 2019, via M.O.

Townsville Bulletin deadline: 4.30 pm, Monday 29 April 2019.

Date: 29 April 2019

Questions

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Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science (DES) spokesperson:

Two environmental approvals are still required from DES before significant disturbance can commence at the Carmichael mine site.

These are the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan (GDEMP) and the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan (BTFMP). There are no statutory timeframes for these approvals.

DES originally asked the Federal Government for a copy of the CSIRO and GeoScience Australia's report of their review into Adani's GDEMP (version10a) in early March.

DES was provided a copy of this report on Tuesday, 09 April. On the same morning, Adani also provided DES a copy of their updated GDEMP (version11b).

DES had been assessing the earlier version of the GDEMP.

The department is now working through the most recent version of the document, being the one approved by the Commonwealth and provided to DES on 09 April.

DES is assessing whether the latest version of the GDEMP addresses the longstanding conditions set out in the environmental authority conditions.

In doing so, DES will consider the issues and recommendations set out by CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in their review.

Given the complex and technical nature of these matters, DES will take the time necessary to thoroughly and comprehensively assess the information.

Based on a preliminary review of the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia report, it is still to be determined if the GDEMP identifies the source aquifers of the Doongmabulla Springs Complex.

This identification has always been a requirement for state approval.

DES engaged an independent expert panel review of Adani's BTFMP to ensure that the plan contains the best scientific advice to successfully manage and mitigate mining impacts on this population of Black-throated Finch.

This review has now been finalised and DES is considering the final report and any other relevant information.

DES continue to work with Adani, as it would with any proponent, to progress these environmental approvals in a timely fashion.

Under Queensland's *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, approvals for the GDEMP and the BTFMP rest with the Department of Environment and Science, as the State's environmental regulator, not with the Environment Minister.

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DES is to meet with Adani on 02 May 2019 to progress discussions on the BTFMP and the GDEMP.

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