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News Release - Adani



In Respect to the Adani Coal Mine. I initially took the stand that I should not be getting involved here in the electorate of Batman in a Queensland issue as the Governments involved seem to have taken all necessary steps to ensure the Great Barrier Reef is protected. I also felt that unless I had done the ground work myself, I really was not qualified to make statements on the Adani debate. Now having given it a lot more thought, my view has changed a little. Provided the Coal Mine can convince an independent Body, and that it meets all the environmental requirements regarding

the Great Barrier Reef, agrees to regular supervision of their undertaking not to cause any damage, and Australia is benefiting from the export of the Coal, I see no reason why it should be stopped or why there should be a Political Protest in Batman.

By an independent Body I mean one established from the local electorate of Dawson Qld and surrounding electorates for the sole purpose of investigating the Coal Mine situation.

Other issues are also important when making decisions regarding Adani.

- We need to consider that if Australia is to stop supplying coal to India, then another country elsewhere in the world will. This would contribute to making Bail in Laws reality in Australia, This nation needs to pay its bills, and coal exports are a huge contribution to the economy and for lowering the deficit.
- Adani will provide job opportunities in the surrounding areas, this can't be ignored. There are many families that will benefit from employment. We should consider the hardship families could face if that employment opportunity is taken away.
- Batman residents or any Australian for that matter does not want to have blackouts. Neither do our Indian neighbours across the sea.
- The QLD people are the ones that will be most affected by what is happening with Adani. Let these people and their governing bodies be the ones to make decisions in their State. Would we want Brisbane people telling us what to do in Melbourne?
- Personally, I think it would be a good move to say that 20% of all coal mined from that mine should remain in Australia for Australian use.

Thank you,

Yvonne Gentle,

Candidate for Rise up Australia Party in 'Batman Electorate'