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NQCC MEDIA RELEASE 17 June 2015 Adani – what trucking jobs?

Townsvilleans looking for jobs at the proposed Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin will see their chances fade with the revelation that Adani plans to use at least 45, 400-tonne driverless trucks.

Adani was recently forced to admit in court that there would be an average of just 1464 full time equivalent direct and indirect jobs in the proposed mine and associated railway. That is less than 15% of what their television ads had claimed would be created.

'But that number will fall even further with the use of fully automated trucks. Any potential for truckie jobs would end soon after the imported trucks were unloaded, possibly at Townsville Port' said North Queensland Conservation Council Coordinator Wendy Tubman.

Adani CEO in Australia, Jeyakumar Janakaraj, is on record as saying 'When we ramp up the mine, everything will be autonomous from mine to port. In our eyes, this is the mine of the future'.*

'The community is starting to realise that Adani is interested only in its own profits. The benefit to Australia will be tiny compared with the costs' Ms Tubman said.

'We will be copping the health impacts, environmental destruction, social disruption and long-term economic upheaval. But the profits will largely be snaffled offshore through a convoluted financial web that will see any contribution to Australia cut to the bone' Ms Tubman said.

'Any social licence to open the Carmichael mine that Adani may have had in the past is rapidly disappearing. It's time the Queensland government reconsidered its support before we end up with a destructive, failed investment', Ms Tubman concluded.

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