

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT ON THE ADANI CARMARCHAEL COAL MINE

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Hi everyone. Apologies I can't be there personally today. I am not in the electorate office as I have meetings across the electorate and in the CBD.

The Federal Labor party has been clear that Carmichael coal mine / Adani project should not receive any financial support from the Federal Government. We've said that for a considerable period of time, and we thought that was the position of the Turnbull Government since that's what the then Resource Minister Josh Frydenberg said before the last Federal election.

This Coalition government support is for a private railway line that will benefit a multinational, multibillion dollar company. The Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund has been operating for quite a considerable time now, yet the Turnbull Government has not been able to deploy a single dollar. We went through the last election, with Shadow Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese saying that we would earmark a billion dollars for tourism opportunities in the northern part of our country; small and medium size operations that would really unleash a whole range of different tourism opportunities that will grow sustainable industries and jobs.

The Turnbull Government has no imagination, the only thing they can think of to do with a multibillion dollar infrastructure fund is to sling \$1 billion to a big coal company from India. The Government is able to provide support to the Adani project regardless of Labor's position; it is not the case that the Government requires Labor's approval to provide support for this project.



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Climate Action is one of my six major priorities for Wills in 2017. I have and will continue to speak directly on the issue in Parliament, and among other things, look forward to hosting a forum locally to encourage useful and practical conversation and local action on the issue.

There needs to be a way to create jobs that is not at the expense of the climate and throwing away \$1 billion of public money. I can assure you that unlike the Government, we (the Federal Labor party) remain committed to serious action on climate change and sustainable industries and jobs for all Australians.

I am committed to doing everything I can to represent you, and all those who give passionately to the cause, as well as simply working to ensure the best policies and actions are put in place to prevent further damage to the climate. Labor took its policy of 50% renewables by 2030 to the election and stands by it.

I was in the media recently defending the importance of renewables for our future. You can watch a short clip at: <https://www.facebook.com/PeterKhalilMP/videos/1762026587391389/>

I gave my First speech in Parliament recently where I made a strong case on a range of issues including climate change, the arts, multicultural and importantly asylum seeker and refugee policy.

Video of the full speech is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeterKhalilMP/videos/1684816788445703/>

Please let me know if there is anything further I could do to help you in your advocacy or if you have any questions or issues.

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