



Briefing from the #StopAdani campaign

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Siemens & Adani's coal expansion in Australia

About Siemens connection with Adani's Carmichael coal project

On 11 December 2019, [Adani announced that Siemens had been offered a contract](#) to deliver rail signalling systems for the Carmichael Rail Network. Adani said the "delivery of specialised signaling equipment includes colour light signals, signaling equipment rooms, power systems such as solar, site earthing and surge protection, level crossing systems, traffic control systems, IT infrastructure, more."



Siemens global CEO Joe Kaeser said he had [not heard about the contract with Adani](#). On Twitter, he said he would "[look diligently into the matter and get back to you soon](#)", and [media reported the contract as being under review](#) within Siemens.

The contract is worth AUD\$31 million (about 19 million euros) and Siemens appears to be the only company left willing to provide signalling infrastructure to Adani's rail line. Without Siemens, Adani would struggle to build a rail line to the Galilee coal basin. There are currently no coal mines in the Galilee: Adani's rail line and Siemens signalling would open up this enormous new thermal coal basin.

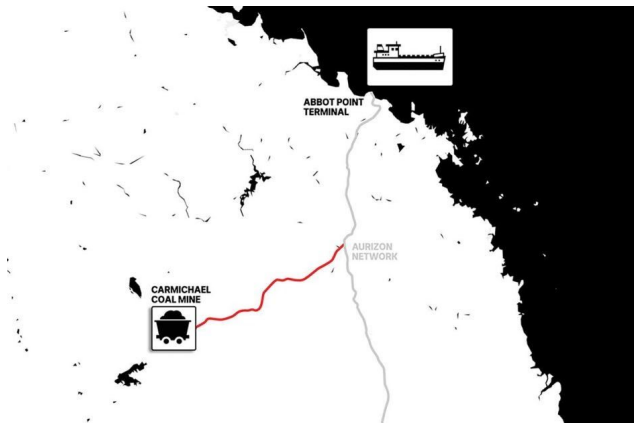
[Australian Greens politicians wrote to Siemens and the United Nations](#), saying Siemens would be "in breach of the spirit, if not the letter" of the UN Global Compact by helping to open "a great big new coal mine that's in a basin that's never been mined for coal". Siemens are a signatory to the UN Global Compact, but could be expelled for "systematic or egregious abuse" of the principles of the agreement, including involvement in "severe environmental damage".

The #StopAdani movement in Australia and allies across the world are focused on Siemens, and the crucial role the company would play in opening up the Galilee coal basin. The signalling work on Adani's rail line would not be completed until August 2021 at the earliest, and would need to follow rail site preparation, engineering works and track laying. Siemens should expect public campaigning and pressure over the next two years.

Background: Adani's Carmichael coal project in the Galilee coal basin, Queensland, Australia

Indian conglomerate The Adani Group are beginning to construct the biggest coal mine in Australian history, with approvals to extracting up to [60 million tonnes of thermal coal](#) a year for 30 years, and creating the equivalent to 4.6 billion tonnes of carbon pollution. Adani first planned to be exporting coal from the Galilee Basin by 2014, but now aim for August 2021. Adani are licensed to take an unlimited amount of water until 2077, and have plans to take tens of billions of litres of groundwater and surface water annually, risking the [extinction](#) of the ancient Doongmabulla Springs (pictured on right).





Adani plan to construct 200km of a new rail line called the Carmichael Rail Network, to access the proposed mine and open up the new thermal Galilee coal basin. The coal will be exported out of Adani's Port of Abbot Point (pictured above), and will result in hundreds of coal ships travelling through the Great Barrier Reef every year.

The indigenous people, the Wangan and Jagalingou people, have said no to Adani four times. The Federal Court dismissed their challenge to Adani's sham Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). Native title over that area was permanently extinguished by the Queensland government and the land tenure transferred to Adani. In further [aggressive legal actions](#), Adani bankrupted Wangan and Jagalingou spokespeople, and banned indigenous people from accessing their land. The Wangan and Jagalingou people continue to resist Adani's coal project: [see their website](#).

The Galilee Basin is the second largest proposed expansion of coal mining in the world, after what is planned for Western China. The nine mega mines proposed for the Galilee Basin have a potential combined production of 330 million tonnes per annum (mtpa). If this coal is mined and burned, it would generate 857 million tonnes of carbon pollution every year. If these mines reach full production by 2030, the [Galilee Basin alone could account for up to 5.45%](#) of global climate pollution in 2030. Adani's Carmichael Rail Network will open this up - and Siemens will be directly responsible if they proceed with the signalling work.

The climate movement has been campaigning to stop Adani's coal mine and all mining in the Galilee Basin since 2012 with much success. 62 major companies have ruled out work on Adani's destructive mine. Australia's biggest four banks refused, and the world's biggest banks in China got out of a [\\$1 billion machinery deal](#). Adani's major contractors like AECOM, Aurecon, POSCO, Downer EDI and GHD walked away. Sixteen global insurers ruled out underwriting. In 2017, the Queensland Government vetoed the \$1 billion public loan for Adani's rail line under widespread public pressure.

Who's taking action on Siemens' contract with Adani?

- #StopAdani campaign: www.stopadani.com/siemens
- [Fridays for Future in Germany and Australia](#)
- [Market Forces](#) and German counterpart Urgewald
- [The Australian Conservation Foundation](#)
- [Galilee Blockade, an Australian grassroots direct action group](#)
- Extinction Rebellion in Germany, and more.



Australian and global media are now following the story with interest, with ongoing coverage in all of Australia's major news outlets including [The Australian](#) (January 6 2020), [the ABC](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [The Guardian](#), [the Courier Mail](#), [Mackay Daily Mercury](#), and more, including on TV and radio.

