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Adani's environmental record stinks

North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC) is joining with environmental groups and conservationists around the State to question the appropriateness of the Adani Group developing the biggest coal mine in Australia.

New revelations aired on the ABC's 7.30 program about mining-associated pollution of water supplies in Zambia that occurred under the stewardship of Adani's current Australian CEO, on top of evidence of failure by the Adani Group to comply with the law and environmental permits in India, make closer scrutiny of the Adani Group imperative, said NQCC Coordinator Wendy Tubman.

'We have just seen President Obama turn down the Keystone XL pipeline project on the grounds that it would not serve the national interest and would not make a meaningful contribution to the US economy.

'Australia should be following this example' Ms Tubman said. 'The coal industry is the main cause of climate change and is in terminal decline.

'We know that the Carmichael mine will destroy tens of thousands of hectares of agricultural land. It will threaten vital underground water supplies, potentially wipe out endangered species, and destroy Aboriginal cultural heritage. Yet it would provide no long-term clean energy jobs.

'We now have unequivocal evidence that the company and people aiming to open this mine have a very poor environmental track record.

It is time for the Federal and State governments to squarely face reality and admit they were wrong in trying to push this project through against huge, widespread and growing community concern.

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