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Queensland approval of Carmichael mine defies reason

With evidence of the reality and impact of climate change growing daily, the Queensland government's approval of the Carmichael coal mine in the Galilee Basin of Central Queensland defies logic, according to North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC).

'It is impossible to reconcile this reckless decision with the global agreement in Paris just before Christmas that the world would take urgent and strong action to limit carbon emissions, and with research showing that if we want to remain below a 2 degree rise in temperature, 80% of the world's coal resources must remain in the ground' said NQCC Coordinator Wendy Tubman.

'There can be no excuses for such a decision. The mine would not create the thousands of jobs claimed by Adani, but it would put at risk the Great Barrier Reef and the 69,000 jobs that that supports.

'The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has been telling us since 2009 that the greatest threat to the Reef is climate change. But while claiming to care about the Reef, the government is encouraging the one thing that puts it most at risk. This is deplorable.

'The Queensland government claims to be forward looking – but coal experts around the world are heralding the end of the era of coal.

To put so much at risk in order to protect a dangerous and dying industry is disgraceful and a slap in the face to the Queensland and, indeed, global community.

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