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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Member for Grayndler
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Dear Mr Albanese

As a voter in the electorate of Grayndler, I write to ask the Federal Labor Party to speak out firmly against the Adani-owned Carmichael coal mine in Queensland.

This mine, potentially the biggest in Australia and one of the biggest in the world, is totally incompatible with the Paris commitment to keep global warming to less than 2°C. The emissions from burning the coal in the world's existing mines would cause climate damage that exceeds this limit. To develop even one more mine is madness.

The coal industry is dying: Adani himself is investing in renewables in India, and the Indian government has declared it will stop coal imports in the near future. Against a modest, short-term and costly employment benefit in one area, other jobs are threatened: for example, tourism will shrink as the Great Barrier Reef is degraded.

Furthermore, the mine development diverts efforts from job creation in longer-term industries, including the design, manufacture, marketing and installation of clean energy, energy storage and energy efficiency solutions, for both domestic and export markets.

I have other concerns: that the mine will rob the Great Artesian Basin of vast volumes of water, merely requiring Adani to 'monitor and report' on its use; that it will damage the traditional lands of the Wangan and Jagalingou people, who oppose the mine; and that the project's economics, opaque at best, demand a \$1 billion loan of taxpayer funds to a company registered in the tax haven of the Cayman Islands.

If this mine goes ahead, the signs are that it will become a stranded asset, a hole in the ground containing nothing but debt – and the ashes of Australia's reputation. The history of Australian mining, and that of Adani, strongly suggests tax revenue will be minimal, and Australian taxpayers will be left with the cleanup bill.

While I recognise that Bill Shorten has spoken against the \$1 billion loan for a rail line, I urge you to use your influence to have the Labor Party acknowledge majority opinion on this matter and lead us to the next federal election with a firm policy of stopping this whole project before it goes further, by whatever means are available.

Yours sincerely

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