

Council takes a united stand against proposed Adani mine

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Douglas Shire Council has taken a stand against the proposed Adani mine, uniting to oppose any new coal mine operations in the Galilee Basin.

At yesterday's Ordinary Council Meeting, Mayor Julia Leu tabled a Mayoral Minute condemning the proposed Adani mine and the impacts any new coal mine would have on the Great Barrier Reef.

Mayor Leu said the potentially significant negative environmental and economic impacts on the future well-being of the Great Barrier Reef caused by shipping, maintenance of port facilities and climate change from the burning fossil fuels was unacceptable.

"There is not only an environmental imperative to protect the Great Barrier Reef from the effects of continuing use of fossil fuels, particularly coal, but an economic one as well, especially for the Douglas Shire," Mayor Leu said.

"The Great Barrier Reef represents an estimated \$6.4 billion annually to the Australian economy and supports 64,000 jobs.

"Together with the Daintree National Park, the Great Barrier Reef is the backbone of the Douglas Shire economy, representing 80 per cent of economic activity within Douglas annually.

"There is extensive private investment and confidence in this billion-dollar vital industry in the Douglas Shire, with new and expanded dive adventures and diversification in overall reef experiences.

"It is critical this is not put in jeopardy."

"There are more jobs in tourism and the Great Barrier Reef, than Adani will ever generate for our region and the Douglas Shire"

The Mayor's stance was endorsed wholeheartedly by fellow Councillors, with Cr David Carey stating he was pleased and proud to support this mayoral minute advocating for environmental protection.

"As a community we are standing up and saying enough is enough," he said.

Council will now write to the Prime Minister, the Queensland Premier, the Federal Minister for Environment and Energy and also the Queensland Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef to outline its opposition to coal mining in the

Galilee Basin, in particular the proposed Adani mine and its associated impacts.

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