

Hi NRG folks.

Some good news re Westpac (see below)

In a call with Rainer we agreed to proceed with the action planned for next Thursday , but focus on thanks to Westpac for valuing the environment over corruption and calling on all Federal MPs to rule out financial assistance to new coal mines...anywhere.

If you can bear to listen to the cheerleaders for King Coal, Federal Ministers Matt Kinirvan and Deputy PM Barnaby Joyce , you would think that Westpac has made a decision against "the national interest" that will deny jobs to Queenslanders and electricity to millions of poor people in India.

The politicians in this country need to wake up to the fact there is more jobs and a better future in renewable energy and stop peddling old technologies which are more expensive and polluting. We need to tell them : Get real. The Great Barrier Reef is more important to jobs in Queensland and to global health. Don't invest public money in fossil fuels which increase the carbon load for the world's atmosphere and cause climate change. Who wants their children to get black lung disease ?

This decision by Westpac is being attacked by Federal politicians and we need to stand with Westpac and we need to walk across the road and deliver a letter to Federal MP Justine Elliot saying we need her to defend the climate in Parliament.

Our government is one of the only ones who prefer fossil fuels to cheaper, cleaner technologies. We should be ashamed.

So, let's continue to organise for Thursday 4th at South Tweed, but re-focus our flyers, etc.

More later.

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Right now though, the Adani coal mine has one remaining lifeline - Prime Minister Turnbull wants to set aside \$1 billion of your money to fund this coal mine. Over the next fortnight, our Government needs to hear from thousands of people about why they should rule out funding this coal mine.

With the Federal Budget in two weeks, and a decision expected soon, now is our opportunity to send the Australian Government a message they can't ignore: young people don't want them to use our money to fund this coal mine. There will be actions at MP offices, a big creative stunt in Canberra and we'll flood social media with our message. [If you believe the power of young people, become a Champion of Change with the AYCC and power the campaign to stop this outrageous taxpayer funded handout to a coal mining billionaire.](#)

Westpac were the first big bank we ever targeted - back in 2014 we met our first bank manager in Canberra.



Since then, thousands of you have moved your money, we have held over 3000 branch and HQ actions, built relationships with thousands of bank staff and found out that 83% of them wanted Westpac to rule out funding Adani, held rallies, covered cities and ATMs with our message, and so much more.

The only way we can win and stop Adani for good is if people stand together -- that means our politicians need to hear your voice.

Time and time again, we've shown that we can take on the impossible and win. Together over the last three years we've convinced Lend Lease, NAB, and now Westpac to pull out of coal projects in the Galilee Basin, and CommBank and ANZ to distance themselves from the Adani coal mine. Our power is unstoppable, when we work together we can do anything.