

Hi good people,

We have a few actions planned to send a strong message to political decision-makers. Please do what you can to make this a better world. I will summarise dates below.

See matching items #s for additional information.

Thanks, Sledge

1) 29th January (Monday) – demo to tell Qld govt not to approve Aurizon corp. for the NAIF loan in place of Adani. Saving the GB Reef requires us to stop new coal mining.

[1 William Street, Brisbane](#) at 10am (Qld time). Outside the Cabinet meeting.

2) 30th January (Tuesday) -

WHERE: 107-111 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South (opposite Tweed City)

WHEN: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 10.30am (NSW time)

WHAT TO BRING: A sign with your message, hat, water and sunscreen.

WHAT TO WEAR: Adani t-shirts or red/black coloured clothing (if possible).

3) 31st January (Wedn) – Uki pub 6 PM NRRAG sponsored meeting about trains. Will discuss local strategies to be employed. Contact Bill Ph.0411 123 405

4) 1st February (Thurs)- 7pm Murwillumbah: Organised by the Tweed Shire Council information session on the future use of rural land in the Tweed Shire. Canvas and Kettle Room. This will be the last chance to hear about the Draft Tweed Shire Rural Land Strategy, which is now on exhibit. The strategy by TSC Senior strategic Planner Stuart Russell, seeks to paint a picture of what rural land in Tweed Shire may look like in 20 years, how it might develop and how it will be managed to preserve the quality of the rural Tweed life style. For more information and to download a copy of the Draft Rural Land Strategy visit yoursaytweed.com.au/rurallands

5) 5th February (Monday) – Federal Parliament opens in Canberra. Demonstrators needed for Stop Adani and for sensible Cannabis law reform.

6) 6th February (Tues) - noon. Peace Park, Lismore, cnr Keen str and Ballina Road

North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) requested a protest march as the NSW govt Department Primary Industries (DPI) will be in Lismore for community consultation on all future logging agreements. They propose to set up new Regional Forest Agreements for next 20 years and slash protection for endangered species and for streams.

7) On 13th February 2018 the Queensland Parliament will decide whether to fund the rail line for coal. Please pressure the government during the next two weeks to veto the Aurizon loan,

8) by 16th February -See below - NRG requests members to make short submissions to NSW Dept of Planning. www.majorprojects.planning.nsw

9) 24th March: Rally against Fossil Fuel Pollution in **Sydney**. Support renewables. Many groups will march (Incl Lock the Gate , 350.org). Transport available.

Stop Adani (items 1, 2, 5 & 7)

The pressure is on both state and federal governments to stop new coal mines in their tracks. Two important events are being held this week. You will already have received an invitation to join the 'Stop rail line to Adani coal mine' rally at [1 William Street, Brisbane](#) at 10am (Qld time).

Could you also come along to another event this Tuesday (item #2) outside MP Justine Elliot's office.

Despite we must move away from coal and other fossil fuels to successfully combat climate change, the Australian Labor Party (ALP) is planning a massive expansion of the coal mining industry if they win office.

The justification for new coal mines is economic growth and job creation. However, much of the mining industry is automated and there are no jobs or prosperity on a dead planet. Only 1,494 jobs would be created as a result of the Adani coal mine, with more than 69,000 tourism-related jobs at stake if we allow coal to trash the Great Barrier Reef. There are many more sustainable, eco-friendly jobs in renewables.

If the ALP abandoned its pro-coal policies and fully supported renewables, it would send a strong message to mining companies and investors that there can be no long-term certainty or viability in the coal mining industry.

Join Stop Adani Tweed on Tuesday 30 January to demand that our Federal Labor MP Justine Elliot influences her party to change their federal policy to 'no new coal mines', and to highlight that their pro-coal mine policies are at odds with their climate action policies.

Tell Justine Elliot that as a voter you don't support a taxpayer funded loan to Aurizon to build a rail line to the Galilee Basin so that Adani and other potential coal mines can transport coal to Abbot Point on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef. Tell her that she should pressure the Queensland Government to veto the Aurizon loan, as they did with the proposed \$1 billion loan to Adani to build the rail line.

Show Justine Elliot that Australian voters are strongly against Labor's pro-coal mine policies and that she needs to listen to the people she represents or lose office.

Together we will Stop Adani.

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Item #4 = Community consultation with Tweed Council - This will be the last chance to hear about the Draft Tweed Shire Rural Land Strategy, which is now on exhibit. The strategy by TSC Senior strategic Planner Stuart Russell, seeks to paint a picture of what rural land in Tweed Shire may look like in 20 years, how it might develop and how it will be managed to preserve the quality of the rural Tweed life style. For more information and to download a copy of the Draft Rural Land Strategy visit yoursaytweed.com.au/rurallands

Item # 5) Koalas/ NSW forestry protest - Tuesday, February 6 at 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Join us for a peaceful gathering of united people to help SAVE OUR KOALAS and other endangered species.

Peace Park - Cnr Ballina Rd & Keen St Lismore

<https://www.facebook.com/event>

We have one aim – to force the Berejiklian government to stop the ongoing destruction of koala habitat and habitat that provides shelter and safety for other species on private and public lands.

Keynote speakers from 12 PM to 1 PM. Followed by a short walk to the 'community drop in session' between 1 PM to 2.30 PM being hosted by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) at the Lismore Gateway Motel and Restaurant, [99 Ballina Road Lismore](#).

The DPI public consultation and submission process includes discussion about the renewal of Regional Forest Agreements covering the North East, Eden and Southern Regions of NSW.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (to date)

Dailan Pugh - North East Forest Alliance

Ros Irwin - President, Friends of the Koala

Our event is subject to NSW Police approval of a Notice Of Intention To Hold A Public Assembly. It is not our intention to be disruptive, but rather, to promote awareness of the issues facing our precious native fauna and flora. Any questions please contact AJP Northern Rivers and NRG member Susie Header

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(item #6) NRG “memo of the month– submissions due re festival site at **North Byron Parklands**. Please send brief - even two sentence – submissions, as it has become a sort of plebiscite, with festival fans asked to submit in favour while we oppose it on environmental and neighbourhood disturbance grounds. Need not greed : why can't festivals operate at the Bluesfest site near Tyagarah? Please note - a separate email has been sent regarding this topic