

Matt Canavan, you ain't seen nothing yet

So 350 Australia made the Australian again over the weekend.¹

It seems we're one of an 'Adani Seven' group of organisations, identified during a rant by the Minister for Adani and self-confessed representative of the coal industry, Matt Canavan.

Shocked at the scale of the \$25 million of support for the anti-Adani campaign, most of it raised through the concerns of ordinary Australians, the Minister is questioning the transparency of the funds raised.

Laughably, he is backed up by the shady Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) – well known for its covert lobbying, government influence and direct electioneering.

[350 Australia will not be bullied to stop our advocating for an end to the disastrous Adani coal mine. In fact, we are only going to shift things up a gear. Join us by becoming a regular supporter through our Climate Defender program.](#)



Both Minister Canavan and the MCA misrepresent the advocacy activities of charities like 350 in the Australian article, by comparing them to the campaigning of political parties. If they'd done a little homework they would know that the Charities Act provides very clear guidelines about what a charity can do, including advocacy.

While Matt Canavan makes his unfounded accusations, most of the country is experiencing a heatwave and in some places bush fires that are unheard of for this time of the year. All over temperature records are being smashed.

April 9 was the hottest April day on record for Australia as a whole. The national average temperature was an uncomfortable 34.97 °C ... in mid Autumn!

And we all know this is not an anomaly. This is just a part of a long-term warming trend – seven of the ten hottest years on record in Australia occurred since 2005.

If Matt Canavan is alarmed by the amount of money being spent on the anti-Adani campaign, he should look to the reason why: Australians are rightly concerned about the impacts of runaway climate change, and equally worried about a government seemingly oblivious to doing anything about it.

[Join us as a Climate Defender to step up on climate change action.](#)

We have this message for Matt Canavan and his coal-loving colleagues in the COALition: we and the thousands of Australians supporting us will not go away. You ain't seen nothing yet.

350 founder Bill McKibben's [Accelerate Climate Action tour](#) is coming up at the end of April, beginning of May. This will launch a new approach by 350 Australia that we hope will reset the climate narrative so that ordinary Australians can move to the front foot in the climate debate.

We'll build on the momentum of the Stop Adani campaigns last year and ensure that beast is finished once and for all. We will build the capacity of the local groups and look for new targets.

In 2018, the 350 community will be working to:

- Stop all new fossil fuel projects from being built;
- Secure a just transition to 100% renewable energy for all; and
- Cut all public and financial ties to the fossil fuel industry.

[We need your support to make this possible. Join the ranks of 350's Climate Defenders.](#)

Climate Defenders, with their ongoing financial support, are an incredibly important part of the 350 Australia community. By joining, you support the long range planning capability so necessary in fighting the giants of the fossil fuel industry and their government supporters.

We look forward to your support.

Onwards,

Andrew for the 350 Australia team

PS. Help us make 350 founder Bill McKibben's Accelerate Climate Action tour massive and invite your friends to events in [Newcastle](#), [Sydney](#), [Canberra](#), [Melbourne](#), [Adelaide](#), [Perth](#) and [Darwin](#) on Facebook. Let's accelerate towards a Fossil Free future!

1. [The Australian](#)

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