

I wish I was joking,

### **Adani is paying for government staff to 'independently' assess Adani's mine.**

The corporation has struck a mind-boggling deal that will see Adani pay up to \$1.5 million in salaries, housing and vehicle costs for council employees who will directly assess parts of their coal project.<sup>1</sup>

**Adani now has its tendrils deep in every level of our democracy.** From local councils, to state governments, right through to our Federal politicians. Adani has infiltrated our democracy in a way that makes objective decision making virtually impossible.

**Our Reef is on the brink, and so is our planet. If we're to stop this monstrous coal mine, we have to fight back against the huge influence dirty polluters have over our democracy.**

### **[Can you sign our open letter to Australian politicians demanding they get big polluters out of government?](#)**

This is only the latest sordid chapter in this country's big book of polluting politics.

**From the beginning, there has been a revolving door of operators moving freely between Adani and political offices.** Last Queensland election, an Adani lobbyist 'volunteered' to run Labor's election campaign.<sup>2</sup>

Resources Minister Matt Canavan stacked the board deciding whether or not to give \$1 billion to Adani with his pro-coal friends.<sup>3</sup> And when that didn't work, Trade Minister Steve Ciobo went out and changed the rules of government funding body EFIC (the Export Finance Insurance Corporation) to allow hundreds of millions in public money to fund projects exactly like Adani's coal mine.<sup>4</sup>

**The fossil fuel industry and their vested interests are rotting our democracy from tip to root. If we are to get the real, urgent change we need, we need to clean them out on every level.**

### **[Sign our open letter demanding we get big polluters out of our politics.](#)**

**It's not just Adani, either.** The Turnbull Government has just announced a plan to 'save the Reef'. Except instead of doing anything about climate change, this plan involves granting \$444 million to an obscure group with links to climate-deniers. Their plan? Let *"corporate interest help decide the science strategy and funding priorities."*<sup>5</sup>

Yep. Nearly half a billion dollars for climate-deniers to work with big business to solve the problem. What could go wrong?

At the same time, the Government's Energy Security Board put out a call for energy companies to help implement Turnbull's new energy plan. Big polluters could be writing the rules they'll have to follow. Again, what could possibly go wrong?<sup>6</sup>

**It's clear that our politicians, and especially this Turnbull Government, have shown us they are both incapable and unwilling to act on climate while they are dominated by climate deniers, the fossil fuel lobby and big coal donors.**

[Help get fossil fuels out of our democracy. Sign our open letter now.](#)

It's time for a clean out.

Sam R and Jairaj, for the GetUp team.

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