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Re: Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017

On behalf of the 1000 members of BirdLife Southern Queensland and over 80,000 supporters of BirdLife Australia we would like to express our strong support for the “Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017”.

This bill would trigger a much needed review of Adani’s existing approvals for the Carmichael mine, coal railway and the Abbot Point coal port.

A recent review by experts on Black-throated Finch, found that Adani’s existing Biodiversity Offset Strategy and Species Management Plan were “grossly inadequate” and risked wiping out what is left of this threatened species’ population. Further, Adani has already breached its Abbot Point pollution license during Cyclone Debbie, and we are concerned about the birds at the impacted wetlands, and how this demonstrates poor environmental stewardship. A review of their existing approvals is clearly required.

We also support the strengthening of the EPBC Act (1999) and the application of a “suitable person” test, both of which would rightly consider a company’s environmental track record and corporate financial behavior in relation to existing regulations when considering either environmental approvals or large bundles of government financial support.

Yours sincerely

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