

**To:** [Committee, EC \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** Do not deny 3rd party applicants the right to protest against environmentally damaging projects  
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Under your scheme only those who live adjacent to the proposed Adani coal mine would be able to appeal against the project. However if the coal mine did proceed it would affect thousands and thousands of people indirectly. Those who rely on the pristine waters of the Gt Barrier Reef for tourism industries which would be affected if this area were polluted from the dredging required for the coal port. Windblown coal dust from the mine would travel for miles affecting the health of those kilometres away from the site. The underground water supplies for thousands of hectares in the vicinity would be polluted. So to deny 3rd party appeals is totally irresponsible and I urge you to desist from changing the law. It is an affront to democracy..

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