

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

Question No: 78
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Outcome 1
Program: Environment Standards Division (ESD)
Topic: Adani – Offsets strategy publication
Hansard Page: N/A
Question Date: 14 March 2017
Question Type: Written

Senator Waters asked:

Can the department clarify why that strategy has not been published publicly in accordance with condition 36 of the approval, which clearly states the expectation is that all management plans would be made public?

If the reason is commercial-in-confidence, why could the Department simply not redact the commercial-in-confidence information? Given the public interest in this project and the growing public concern as to the proponents' ability to effectively protect the environment, it would surely be prudent to publish these types of strategies and management plans.

Answer:

The Department has been advised that the Great Artesian Basin Offset Strategy and the Biodiversity Offset Strategy (with confidential and personal details redacted) have been published on the Adani website at: <http://www.adaniaustralia.com/businesses/carmichael-coal-mine-and-rail-project>.