

Stopping the Australian Coal Export Boom



Funding proposal for the Australian anti-coal movement

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Element	Implementation
<p>Litigation: Legal challenges to stop projects (new mines, coal ports, rail lines) or delay them 'to buy time to build a stronger movement and powerful public campaigns.' <i>Arguments to include impacts on GBR Marine Park.</i></p>	<p>Queensland Land Court appellants against Alpha project in Galilee Basin include Kathryn Kelly, of Chifley ACT; Coast and Country Association (West End, Brisbane).</p> <p>Appeal 27 February 2014 in Administrative Appeals Tribunal against Abbot Point dredging permit by Environmental Defenders' Office Qld for North Queensland Conservation Council.</p>
<p>The Battle of Galilee: Build high profile campaign 'to disrupt and delay.' 'Local organising of landowners can help to delay development of mines and rail line.' 'The coal ports are adjacent to the GBR Marine Park and there are strong opportunities for alliance building with scientists and industries that will be negatively impacted (fishing, tourism).' 'Dredging of Gladstone Harbour...is fast becoming a national political issue [with] major implications which may limit other proposed new coal ports.'</p>	<p><i>Boom Goes the Reef: Australia's coal export boom and the industrialisation of the Great Barrier Reef</i> (Greenpeace, March 2012) <i>Cooking the Climate, Wrecking the Reef: The global impact of coal exports from Australia's Galilee Basin</i> (Greenpeace, September 2012) <i>Fight for the Reef</i> campaign (WWF/AMCS 2013–present), funded by Thomas Foundation <i>Save the Reef</i> campaign (GetUp! 2013–present) <i>Save the Reef</i> (Greenpeace, 2012–present) <i>Over our Dead Bodies</i> (Generation Alpha, 2013–present)</p>

<p>Changing the story of coal: Change the perception of coal as backbone of the economy, 'challenge the economics of coal ...tell powerful stories about the negative environmental, social, health and economic impacts of the Australian coal industry.'</p>	<p>Multiple reports from The Australia Institute about why mining and particularly coal mining is having negative effects on tourism, agriculture, manufacturing. Centre for Policy Development reports <i>All Boom, No Benefit?</i> (2014); <i>Too Many Ports in a Storm</i> (2013) – both funded by Thomas Foundation through their donation to WWF.</p>
<p>Creating Investor Uncertainty: Create uncertainty and a heightened perception of risk over coal investments.</p>	<p><i>Unburnable Carbon: Australia's Carbon Bubble:</i> Carbon Tracker (UK) and Climate Institute (April 2013) Bill McKibben (350.org) <i>Do the Maths</i> tour of Australia, targeting media and institutional investors Direct action against ANZ, Westpac, Aurizon, BHP-Billiton. Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (US) produces reports (2013) calling into question viability of Galilee Basin projects. <i>Stranded Downunder?</i> – Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment (WWF, Carbon Tracker project)</p>
<p>Exposing the Health Impacts: 'Create a powerful link in the public mind between coal and health problems'; 'organise and amplify the voices of health professionals'; focus on coal dust and health.</p>	<p>Greens-dominated 2013 Senate Inquiry into <i>Impacts of Air Quality on Health</i> almost exclusively devoted to alleged impacts of coal dust on health.</p> <p>Report calls for putting lids on coal trains even though veneering of coal wagons shown to be most effective solution; fully implemented in Qld by March 2014.</p> <p><i>Stop Brisbane Coal Trains</i> group established to purportedly lobby on health impacts of coal dust from coal trains passing through Brisbane to Port of Brisbane. <i>Facebook</i> page shows their agenda as stopping coal mining altogether.</p>