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## **Stop Adani Campaign Launch**

A dozen or so Manning Clean Water Action Group (MCWAG) volunteers turned out last Tuesday to people a Stop Adani Stall in Manning Street Taree. Part of the action was the launch of a petition bound for the Federal House of Representatives requesting it

- to hold Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to his pre-election promise to refuse Adani's requests for publicly-funded subsidies, and
- to call for public money to be spent on saving the Great Barrier Reef rather than on projects which may destroy it.



*Prominent local Knitting Nanna, Margaret Tappert, signing the petition with Genevieve Godwin  
(photo by Nawal Maharaj)*

Last December, the government's Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility granted conditional approval for a one billion dollar loan to Adani to build a rail line between its proposed Carmichael coalmine and the Abbot Point shipping terminal in Queensland.

MCWAG Vice President Genevieve Godwin, who holds a major in Zoology and Botany, explains "the consequent expansion of the Abbot Point shipping terminal will require dredging of previously undisturbed seabed within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area resulting in destruction of food source for dugongs, disturbance of turtle nesting grounds and risk pollution of wetlands which are home to threatened bird species. Furthermore, the burning of 2.3 billion tonnes of coal that Adani could obtain over the mine's 60 years of operation would result in the emission of 4.6

billion tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>. This will definitely exacerbate climate change and contribute to the death of the Great Barrier Reef itself.

“With over two hundred signature’s collected, this was a great launch and a good lead in to the [Stop Adani National Week of Action 15-19 May](#)”, said MCWAG President Nawal Maharaj.

More vibrant stalls in Taree next week will be at:

- Manning Street, Thursday (in front of IGA),
- Café Mediterraneo, Victoria Street, Friday
- the Hub Market, Saturday.



Latest MCWAG recruit Jessica Cowley piping against pollution (photo by Genevieve Godwin)

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