



Media Release 31.10.16 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Adani Uses Conference to Reaffirm Commitment to Carmichael

Adani Mining has used a major regional economic conference to reaffirm the company's commitment and determination to bring to fruition its Carmichael coal project.

Corporate Affairs General Manager Muthuraj (Raj) Guruswamy was one of the special guest speakers at the Central Highlands *Investing in our Future* Conference.

The event, delivered by the Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC), showcased a range of key development opportunities in the region and beyond, including the Alpha coal mine, CQ Inland Port and technology in agriculture.

Adani's presentation coincided with the widespread publication of an open letter, calling for Governments to end the red tape and court actions that have delayed the Carmichael project. The letter has more than a dozen signatories, including CHDC.

At the conference summit, Mr Guruswamy emphasised Adani's employment and procurement priority of tapping into a labour force and supply chain that's in proximity to the \$21 billion mine, rail and port development in regional Queensland.

He also rejected India's own coal reserves as a viable alternative, explaining that the Galilee Basin offered a higher quality and density of coal needed to bring power to his country's large population.

"Mr Guruswamy's presentation was a strong, firsthand assurance to stakeholders that Adani is as committed as ever to making Carmichael a reality and to bringing regional Queensland along for the ride," CHDC General Manager Sandra Hobbs says.

"More broadly, the conference highlighted the abundance of existing and emerging opportunities and how they can be best exploited through business and industry partnerships and collaboration, and innovation and entrepreneurship, rather than relying solely on Government support."

Featured examples were SwarmFarm Robotics, an innovative Gindie-based agribusiness breaking new ground in crop management; and the Rural Business Collective, an initiative helping regional and rural businesses to thrive and grow.

SunWater also gave an insight into the Safety Improvement Project at the Fairbairn Dam spillway where significant infrastructure work is underway to ensure that the dam can continue to safely cope with extreme rainfall events.

Delegates were also shown the value of businesses thinking outside the box by the Sentinel Property Group, which actively engages with tenants at its two Emerald shopping centres to boost the retail experience and therefore the bottom line.



BMA used the conference to reaffirm its long-term commitment to the Bowen Basin, through its mining operations; Local Buying Program, which utilises the local supply chain; and its Local Buying Foundation, which supports business programs that build local capacity.

“All of the discussion at the conference was underpinned by the message from the Central Highlands Regional Council that it’s open for business and that means open to innovation and open to development,” Ms Hobbs says.

Find out more at chdc.com.au and follow CHDC on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

EDITOR’S NOTE: For further information, please contact **KyMBERLEE SENIOR** on 4982 4386 or 0429 313 032.



CAPTION: Adani’s Muthuraj (Raj) Guruswamy was special guest speaker at the Central Highlands *Investing in our Future* Conference.



CAPTION: The Central Highlands *Investing in our Future* Conference was an opportunity to forge new business connections and discuss key development opportunities in the region.



CAPTION: Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd (*left*) was among the delegates at the Central Highlands *Investing in our Future* Conference.

ENDS