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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Camp Binbee resides on the land of the Birri (river) people of the Birri Gubba Nation. Sovereignty has never been ceded, and we pay our respects to elders past, present and future. We recognise the cultural heritage, beliefs and customs of First Nations people, and their continuing connection and responsibility to the land. We stand in solidarity with First Nations people in their continuing struggle for justice.

This campaign is taking place across many countries: directly affecting the people of Juru, Birri, Jangga, Wangan and Jagalingou nations. There will also be immense implications on other neighbouring countries through threats to land and water, air quality and animal life - as well as the eroding of First Nations rights.

We acknowledge our shortcomings in understanding what's best for the land and its people. In a systematically racist society, we recognise that respecting indigenous sovereignty is an ongoing, dynamic process of analysing our flaws and learning from our mistakes.

By being given permission you are being granted safe passage only. This **does not** authorise you to speak on behalf of First Nations people, nor conduct ceremonies.





## WHERE WE ARE AT

Adani is on the ground starting to build their mine and our frontline resistance is stepping up to meet them head-on. For more than seven years, the fight to stop Adani has delayed their progress and their never-ending threats to destroy the Galilee basin. Now we are in the crucial final stages on the frontlines, slowing Adani down to a grinding halt and exposing the mine for what it is - financially inviable, environmentally disastrous and an affront to First Nations sovereignty. We will take a peaceful stand by putting our bodies on the line to protect our water and the precious biodiversity of our planet. Our politicians and corporations have failed us, it is now up to us.

We are everyday people standing up and taking sustained, peaceful, direct action to stop construction of the mine and against any corporation or business that enables it.



Civil disobedience is a powerful tool that has played a core role in many successful campaigns. It is vital to learn from past movements, particularly those fought and led by First Nations Peoples. One powerful example beginning in 1997 was a blockade led by the Mirarr people established in Kakadu near a proposed uranium mine. Over eight months, more than 5,000 people travelled up to the remote Kakadu blockade to stand in solidarity with the Mirarr, defending their Country from mining. The blockade generated support and solidarity from around the country, and across the world. Over 500 people were arrested and the overwhelming pressure generated by the blockade forced the mine to close.

This story echoes that of our journey and demonstrates that **people power and mass civil disobedience works to halt big mining**. Powerful direct action on the frontline and in the cities backed up by a mass movement of public outrage and support is a winning combination. Direct action is part of the broader struggle for First Nations' land rights, climate justice and creating a more equitable society.

Join us and be a part of history at Binbee by using nonviolent direct action to stop Adani opening up the Galilee Basin.



## **HOW WE LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER**

We cherish community, our living planet, cultures and creativity. We aim to create a space that is reflective of the world we would like to live in. A space that is caring, open and inclusive, respects people who disagree with us, actively dismantles hierarchies and builds a culture that brings out the best in ourselves and our communities.

Binbee (the Birri word for 'good') is an organising space for community to mobilise, share, learn and empower.

- At all times, be respectful of the land and water, as well as local residents. Please remember that we are guests meeting on this land.
- All participants must read and understand Binbee's participation agreement below. This is to keep people safe and accountable to our shared and agreed upon expectations whilst at Binbee.
- Please keep noise to a minimum before 7am and after 10pm.
- Please participate in helping keep a clean and harmonious environment by remaining mindful of your footprint - if you are not cleaning up after yourself you are essentially asking someone else to do it for you.

## **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

### **Nonviolence**

We are committed to the principles of Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) and require everyone to abide by these principles whilst here. Binbee community members and Frontline Action on Coal representatives:



- Behave and speak respectfully to other people, including camp members, mine workers and police.
- Not behave in a violent, aggressive, or intimidating way towards other people, including camp members, mine workers and police.

*This campaign does not use or endorse property destruction as a tactic.*

If you experience or see any aggressive or intimidating behaviour, gently remind the person of their commitment to these principles, or ask someone else for assistance. Violent behaviour will not be tolerated.

### **Safer Spaces Policy**

We are committed to ensuring our spaces are as safe and accessible as possible for all people.

Everyone is welcome, there is no place for sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, ageism, classism, or discrimination based on nationality, gender, identity, religious affiliation (or lack thereof) or any other forms of oppression.

Participants are asked to remember that their actions can affect others regardless of their intentions. Any form of physical, verbal or sexual harassment or abuse will not be tolerated.

Our policy is to always believe complaints and take them seriously. We will first seek a resolution agreeable to all parties, but the right to feel safe from abuse and harassment is top priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please see our Community Care team.

### **Decision making – Your voice matters!**

Most decisions are made by consensus. This means that any decisions made are done in a way that ensures everyone present is comfortable with a decision before it is made. Participants are encouraged to enter into this process with a spirit of flexibility. Everybody is welcomed and encouraged to contribute new ideas and participate in decisions making. We all share equal responsibility for these decisions.

Frontline Action on Coal is aspirationally a non-hierarchical structure. Rather than assigning fixed leadership roles, we acknowledge the leader in everyone and encourage all community members to take initiative and leadership wherever possible. Respect for experienced activists and their knowledge is important in the spirit of learning from history and to build a powerful, and skillful movement. Respect for newer participants is also important; the novel and critical ideas they bring make a diverse, creative and self-reflexive movement. Crucially, we acknowledge Indigenous sovereignty, and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stay as guests and supporters. We also acknowledge that our efforts must harmoniously support the efforts of indigenous communities impacted by coal mining in this country.

The actions you take whilst participating in the movement and in the broader community reflect on the whole community. Respect consensus by refraining from engaging in behaviours or actioning ideas that are not endorsed by the group. If there is an issue that you think needs to be resolved,

start the discussion. Don't wait for someone else to. Please note that there is - by necessity - a security culture that exists when organising actions. Some activities operate on a 'need to know' basis, but always feel free to ask questions.

### **Safety in the wider community**

As a counterculture community in the local region, we are subject to prejudice and must be vigilant about personal safety. Community engagement is a useful tool and we have strong ties with local supporters. However, some residents and businesses actively oppose our movement, seeking any opportunity to antagonize anti-Adani activists. We must not underestimate the potential for aggressive interactions. If you are heading to Bowen or Collinsville, we strongly suggest refraining from wearing campaign branded clothing, and removing activist car stickers that may draw extra attention from police and locals. We must be extra vigilant about 'doing the right thing' - dumpster diving, shoplifting and engaging in physical or verbal escalatory behaviour puts yourself and the wider Binbee community at serious risk.



## Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs

Whilst you are participating in events and actions with Frontline Action on Coal, your individual actions will be viewed as a representative of the group. Your actions in the surrounding community could have serious impacts on the campaign and the broader movement. Please be mindful of the way that you behave and your consumption and its effects on others. Drunken behaviour will not be tolerated. A drink is ok, drunk is not. Illegal drugs are not allowed at any time and we are at risk of being raided by police.

If you have a substance abuse problem or find that you have issues with the behaviour requested in this agreement, you are encouraged to discuss it with a Safer Spaces representative. Please be aware that police car searches and drug/alcohol testing are common on the way to and from actions. If you smoke, respect others who don't. There is a designated smoking area at camp; please respect communal spaces by not smoking in or near them without consensus. Be responsible for your own cigarette butts and their disposal.

## SAFETY

We are all responsible for the safety at camp, of ourselves and each other:

- When you leave camp, make sure at least one person knows where you are going and what time you expect to be back
- Please wear closed-in shoes or boots for safety - there are snakes around
- If you have little experience in the bush or camping, don't hesitate to ask questions. Remember that you engage in activities around the area at your own risk



- Please be aware that Binbee - or any organisation operating within this space - does not have any legal responsibility for any injury or damage to or loss of your property. That said, we will do our best to limit risks and look out for each other

- Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water in the morning and ensure you always take a drink bottle when you go anywhere. If you are dehydrated, ask a First Aider for some drinking salts, e.g. hydralites
- First Aid is located in the First Aid room in the house. The First Aid team are listed on the whiteboard, and there will be a designated First Aid contact each day. Useful contacts:
- Bowen Hospital (07) 4786 8222
- Collinsville Multi-Purpose Health Service (07) 4785 4777
- EMERGENCY 000



## CONSENT CULTURE

To empower and keep everyone safer at camp and at actions: free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) is the basis of the consensus model that we aim to cultivate in conjunction with enthusiastic consent.

- Free – No coercion, manipulation or retaliation
- Prior – A sufficient provision of time is given to engage and discuss
- Informed – Ensuring that all information is given, with space for individuals to ask questions such that all information is understood

### Enthusiastic Consent

We use FPIC when making decisions about nonviolent direct action, as well as in relationships and interactions with one another. In respect to this, the most basic things to know and remember about consent are:

It may feel awkward at first, and even if you've never done it before, at Binbee ask for enthusiastic consent to make sure that you and your partner's boundaries are discussed and respected, every time. Eg. *Can I give you a hug? Do you have capacity to listen to me vent? Are you open to talking about having physical intimacy with me? Do you want to do X with me?*



No individual is ever entitled to other people's bodies or minds. The shame and stigma around assault can be overwhelming.

People are greater than any of their individual actions - you are not solely defined by it but, you are accountable for it.

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT BINBEE**

Inductions run daily at 9am. You will be invited to join this when you attend a daily morning meeting. The induction is where you will learn everything you need to know to orientate yourself for staying at Binbee, so it is imperative that each new community member attends.



## **A DAY AT BINBEE**

A regular day at camp begins with brekky at 7:30am and then the morning meeting at 8am where updates, important announcements, workshops and action planning meetings for the day are shared. At the sound of the gong everyone comes together for lunch and dinner, and sometimes we'll have a social event in the evenings, such as a movie, open mic or culture club discussion.

Our schedule is adaptable, and actions are happening all the time!

## **HOW WE WORK TOGETHER**

Binbee can't exist without your participation. We have **working groups** that all work together like an interconnected ecosystem to support the actions that we do here. Each are vital to our campaign.



All skill levels are encouraged to join working groups; enthusiasm for learning and upskilling are greatly appreciated in our community. Think about your skills and capacity to join a working group while you're at Binbee. We recommend joining no more than 1-2 working groups during your time so that you can best balance your time with other volunteering and actions.

Each working group is encouraged to:

1. Have 1-2 contact points that can represent the group in meetings
2. Take responsibility for their area of work and bring decisions that impact other groups to daily meetings
3. Support everyone in the team to develop new skills

These groups will communicate in morning meetings as well as their own self-determined meetings. See the blackboard next to the dining area for daily meeting times.

## Working Group skills to contribute or learn!

### Kitchen

- Observant, good at problem solving and organisation
- Mindful of resources (e.g., water is scarce, plastics are poison)
- Maintain proper collection and disposal of compost
- Hospitality/catering experience



### Garden

- Gardening, chicken-care and permaculture skills
- Knowledge of plants and composting systems
- Mindful of resources (e.g. water is scarce, plastics are poison)



## Inductions and Transport

- Friendly and welcoming, happy to greet people
- Running daily inductions
- Basic spreadsheet, self-organisation and process skills



## Site and Security

- Carpentry, metal work, building and bush construction skills
- Skills/qualifications in electrical works, plumbing and mechanics

## Community Engagement

- Good interpersonal skills
- Active listening
- Organisational skills
- Event and community organising experience
- A passion for engaging with the surrounding local community



## Community Care

- Organising events for the camp community
- Active listening, empathy and kindness
- Willingness and ability to take action when necessary
- Understanding of problems that arise in large groups

## Legal Support

- Clear and objective communication to brief activists on the legal implications of potential actions
- Understanding of current Queensland law in the area of activism
- Ability to work and remain calm under pressure
- Provide support and guidance to activists taken into custody and post action support

## **First Aid**

- Medical qualifications and/or recent First Aid certification ideal
- Knowledge of injury/illness treatment
- Ability to remain calm under pressure

## **Facilitation and Training**

- Experience in Nonviolent Direct Action training
- Willingness to learn and share relevant skills
- Workshop and facilitation experience
- Ability to identify skills needed and people to share them

## **Solidarity and Justice**

- Passion to learn, share, facilitate
- Openness to explore topics around systems of oppression, privilege and self-reflection
- Build links with and provide hands on support to other groups resisting oppression

## **Photography and Videography**

- Photography, videography and editing skills
- Able to work effectively with big groups
- Able to work under time pressure

## Media and Digital

- Media writing skills
- Ability to work quickly and accurately under pressure
- Experience across social media platforms
- Awareness of the public use of social media
- Writing email communications, website editing



## MEETINGS

All meetings have a facilitator. Their role is to assist in ensuring that the meeting runs smoothly and succinctly, and that each person is given a chance to voice their opinion. In addition to this, when we hold space at Binbee, we use active self-facilitation. When thinking about how you want to contribute to the meeting, consider the following:



- **Step up, step back:** If you're someone who doesn't usually speak and are familiar with social situations where your voice may be discouraged, we want to hear from you. If you're someone whose privilege and background teaches you to speak a lot, think about ways in which you can make your points concise, and consider how much space you are taking up and how you can help make space for other voices.
- **Respect others:** It is important not to talk over anyone who is speaking, so we use a speaking list as part of our facilitation.
- **Respect the opinion of others,** especially when they differ from your own! We want everyone to feel comfortable and able to be heard.



- **Agree through hand signals:** rather than voice an agreement of a point being made, using hand signals to show your support.

## Hand Signals (for efficient meetings)



**Hand up to speak:** "I'd like to be next on the speaking list"



**Seeking Clarification:** "Could you clarify or add further detail to this proposal?"



**Direct Response:** "I have additional information directly relating to this specific issue, or I have a correction"



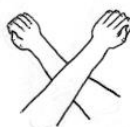
**Process Point:** "I have a process suggestion/proposal to move us forward"



**Agree (twinkly fingers up):** "I agree with the speaker" or "I support this proposal"



**Disagree (twinkly fingers down):** "I do not agree" or "I do not like this"



**Block:** "I do not endorse/consent to this proposal. I would consider leaving the group if it is accepted"



## **VOLUNTEER ROSTERS - KITCHEN AND SITE**

We all share responsibility for camp maintenance, cleanliness and hygiene, and feeding our hungry participants.

As such we have rosters where you can sign up to volunteer. These rosters fit outside of your participation in any particular Working Group, and include tasks such as helping with food preparation, dishes, watering the garden, and cleaning.

Please sign your name up to the task board to be part of keeping the camp functioning. If you are unsure about how to do something, ask someone and feel free to make suggestions about how to approach an activity.



Your financial contribution will cover our three shared meals, tea/coffee, campaign internet, as well as other supplies and petrol for camp activities. Everyone is asked to contribute:

Unwaged - \$15 day    Waged - \$25 day

If this is a barrier for you that's totally fine - just speak with someone in community care so we know what our budget for everyone is.

## **NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TRAINING**

Nonviolent Direct Action has a long and powerful history in social change and its principles are upheld throughout this campaign in any actions we take.

It is an expectation that before taking part in any frontline action, you will have completed a Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) Training for the safety of everyone participating in actions. We regularly run (about once a week) full-day NVDA trainings at Binbee, but encourage you to get along to any NVDA training held by a climate action group in your community at home before you arrive.

Putting yourself in an arrestable position is not the only way to stand up to protect climate and resist oppressive systems. For every one person who risks arrest, there are dozens helping behind the scenes. We also understand that interactions with the police and legal system can mean very different things for different people. However, if you are considering civil disobedience, here are some things you need to know.



While we can't provide legal advice, here is some quick information. We strongly recommend you read up on the resources on [ActionReadyQLD.com](https://www.actionreadyqld.com) and ask questions at the legal briefing at camp to make sure you feel ready to participate in any action at your own comfort level.

## **What if I get arrested?**

### **Do**

- Stay calm; someone will come to collect you.
- Comply with police direction within your rights
- Ensure you are under arrest; ask "Am I under arrest? Why am I under arrest?"
- Ensure Police adhere to their duty of care
- Have a legal support phone number
- Reply with 'No Comment' to any questions except for name, address & DOB, which you are legally required to give

### **Don't**

- Give away other participants' names
- Have any action plan or paperwork on you
- Consent to an interview
- Sign any documents other than bail conditions & property receipts.

## WHEN YOU DEPART

For safety reasons it is important for us to know when you leave Binbee. Please ensure you fill in your name and email address in the Departure Book in the meeting space above the whiteboard before you leave. If you forget, you can email [FLACcoal@protonmail.com](mailto:FLACcoal@protonmail.com).

One of the most valuable contributions you can make now you have lived life at Binbee is helping inspire others to come to the frontline by:

- having one-on-one conversations with friends and family
- holding an information session and inviting your local community
- organising a trip with members of your local community to travel and take action together!

### To facilitate your chats:

Please do not hand out the address of Binbee to folks. Instead, ensure people follow the Red Alert process (which includes registering their final travel details, thereby helping Binbee prepare for arrivals).

### Frontline Action on Coal Red Alert:

→ [frontlineaction.org/redalert/](https://frontlineaction.org/redalert/)

## Help from home!

Galilee Rising is a new climate justice collective supporting people from all walks of life to step up to participate in peaceful protest on the frontlines and keep coal in the ground in the Galilee Basin.

When you head home you can join people in your local community to organise **info sessions**, **fundraisers and training** with the support of Galilee Rising to bring people to the frontline!

### Galilee Rising:

Head to [galileerising.com](https://galileerising.com) to take the pledge and find all the resources you need to get started

### Other ways to help the frontline from home

In addition to helping people travel to Binbee, there are many ways to help the frontline campaign from home including:

- Sharing Frontline Action on Coal social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Sourcing important resources for Binbee: [frontlineaction.org/wishlist](https://frontlineaction.org/wishlist)
- Join a local Galilee Blockade or Stop Adani group taking actions in the cities to stop Adani!

## **AN INCOMPLETE HISTORY**

A diverse number of groups have spent countless hours making Camp Binbee into the beautiful community which exists today. To name a few, these include Reef Defenders, Frontline Action on Coal (who began the first coal blockade in Australia), Galilee Blockade, Grey Power, Stop Adani, Health on the Frontlines, Musicians Rising and many more have all been a part of powerful direct action on the frontlines to stop Adani. We stand in solidarity with the Wangan and Jagalingou Family Council who have been saying no to Adani for eight years to defend their ancestral lands.

The first direct action blockade camp to stop Adani and protect the Galilee was established in early 2015 when Adani planned to build dredge spoil ponds next to the Caley Valley Wetlands; this was stopped due to public pressure and legal actions taken by the North Queensland Conservation Council. Despite a lull in Adani's progress, in the next few years the local community continued the pressure and prepared for the potential of Adani's plans to open up a mega coal mine in the Galilee Basin.



In July 2017, a permanent presence was re-established on Birri country because of its proximity to the Abbot Point Coal terminal and the proposed railway. Binbee is located four hours from the proposed Carmichael mine site. It's important to note that this project from pit to port has a footprint of 380km. In September 2017 a week of action brought over one hundred people from across the country to take direct action against Adani.

Binbee's proximity to the coastal Whitsundays communities has led to building strong relationships and support networks with community leaders and groups engaging in grassroots community building. To list just a few big moments worth celebrating, the camp has hosted Sea Shepherd in August 2018, held the month long React Climate Code Red "protestival" and hosted the Stop Adani Convoy with the Bob Brown Foundation in April 2019.

Adani was going to build its own railway line but have now abandoned it because of the pressure we've created. Adani planned to expand the port, but have since abandoned that idea and scaled down the original proposed mine size. More than 60 companies have publicly ruled out working with Adani in response to public pressure.

Over the last two years, hundreds of people have put their bodies on the line, participating in peaceful direct action to stop work at all of Adani's operations from (not yet-existing) pit to port, at Abbot Point Coal Terminal. People from all walks including doctors, students, teachers, grandparents, firefighters, musicians, farmers, people of faith, scientists, tradespeople and so many more have put their bodies on the line to take frontline action to disrupt the construction of this mine, and will continue to do so to keep coal in the ground in the Galilee.

Adani promised they would have the Carmichael mine fully operational in 2014. Despite all the challenges we have faced, it is important to remember that thanks to people like you, this mine has already been delayed for over seven years. We have achieved so much already. We can, and **will** stop this mine.

We have already tried traditional channels which have been successful in delaying Adani, but in August 2019 they began preparations for the minesite and started clearing land. Now is the time to step up our frontline resistance and take powerful action together. People power helped protect the Daintree, Great Barrier Reef, Jabiluka, the Franklin River, James Price Point and many more precious living wonders. People power will stop Adani.