

Frontline Information Pack

How to get to the Frontline

1. Read this Frontline Information Pack for answers to FAQs.
2. Work out how you will get there ([read this travel guide](#) for important information on carpooling and plane/train requirements).
3. [Register your travel arrangements here](#) - and we will be in touch with the final details you need to get here and some more information to prepare you for frontline participation.
4. If possible, join a local Nonviolent Direct Action training in your local region. And, don't forget to read up on your rights by getting [Action Ready](#).

If you have any unanswered questions – check out our [events page](#) to see if we have any upcoming Information Sessions in your region. Otherwise, please don't hesitate to get in touch via FLACCoal@protonmail.com

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Where will you be staying?

The base for frontline action is located approximately 60km west of Bowen. It is located on Birri country, which is part of the greater Birri Gubba nation. It's a beautiful site on the banks of a sandy river with plenty of tree cover. There is a camp kitchen, small office space and shaded spaces for meetings.

How long should you stay?

That's up to you. A few days or a few months – whatever you can offer is fabulous. However, if possible **we recommend you stay for at least 5 days** to ground yourself in the space, to familiarise yourself enough to fully participate in helping camp run smoothly and to ensure you are part of the end-to-end process of any planned action.

How will you get there?

You can fly, drive or get the train or bus to the frontline. For more information on these options check out this [Guide for Travelling to the Frontline](#), which includes **carpooling options**. **If you plan to fly, then please ensure you read this guide** as it has important information to help reduce the workload on your fellow frontline folk.

Registering your arrival

Once you have finalised your travel details, please [register your arrival here](#). As part of this registration, you will be asked to have read and agreed to the [Participants' Agreement](#).

When you get on the road

You may wish to check out the following three Apps to help with your drive:

5. CamperMate (shows you **free camps** on-route)
6. PetrolSpy (provides **up-to-date petrol prices** on-route. Note: it is up to the general public to update prices, so please be aware that if it's not highlighted in red, it's not the latest price!).
7. Google Maps (you can **save an offline map** area around Bowen, so in case you do not have reception you can still use maps)

Please be aware, that police do target vehicles in the region they suspect are part of the protest. Please ensure that your vehicle is road worthy, you obey all road rules and that you are not carrying anything that could get you in trouble.

If you are pulled over by police for a 'licence check', the driver is required to provide their licence details, however passengers are not required to give any information, including identifying information such as name/address. They will likely ask you where you are going and what you are doing in the region. You have a right to not answer their questions and you can simply tell them you are travelling.

It is a good idea to fill your car up with fuel when near Bowen (or Collinsville if you are coming from the other way), so your vehicle is action-ready.

What to expect on the frontline and how to participate

Whether this is your first time on the frontline of a coal project or you're a regular - your energy, skills and help in stopping Adani will be very welcome!

There are many different ways you can participate:

- The frontline is **100% volunteer run and everyone will be asked to pitch in** to help things run smoothly and comfortably, including cooking, driving, gardening, shopping, trade skills, washing dishes, airport pickups and so much more. There will be an all-in meeting each morning to talk about the jobs that need doing that day and report backs from the working groups (which you can participate in) which keep the place running smoothly.

- **In actions**, there are many roles that need to be filled both at the action and at our home base. Roles include various liaisons (with police, workers, the general public), photography and videography, media spokesperson, first aid, transport/driver, collecting gear and loading cars, preparing food, wrangling media, press releases and more!

On arrival you will be given an induction tour to orient yourself to life on the frontline, and a chance to ask any questions about the [Participants' Agreement](#).

During your stay you learn about the country and the latest developments in the campaign, share and practice the skills of peaceful and powerful direct action, as we hold the line together to stop Adani from building their catastrophic coal mine.

Taking action. Actions will be planned with everyone's input. Your participation and how far you take your action is up to you. We collaboratively plan, undertake and debrief our actions.

Nonviolent Direct Action Training

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 full-day (at least once a week) NVDA trainings, but encourage you to get along to any NVDA training being held by a climate action group in your region before you arrive, as this will enable you to participate more quickly in actions.

Facilities and Phone/Internet

There is springfed drinking water, toilets, hot and cold showers and laundry facilities. You can even charge your phones using a solar-system set up.

If you wish to access the internet during your stay, **you will need a Telstra SIM** from which to hotspot. Similarly, Telstra is the only reliable mobile reception.

Dietary Requirements

We have a whiteboard in the kitchen where you can list your dietary requirements - meals are mostly vegan and we all work together to meet people's dietary needs.

Family friendly

The frontline base is family/children friendly. There is a shaded kids playground and hang out space. Kids of all ages are welcome to join the workshops and discussions, but childcare is not provided.

Pets

It is preferable that dogs remain at home as having many dogs on site has caused issues. You may also wish to consider how the care for your pup could impact your action participation - you are responsible for the care of your furry friend. That said, if you need to bring yours then please keep it on a leash when not in the off-leash (fenced) camping area.

Financial contribution (to food and supplies)

Three basic meals will be provided every day. Your financial contribution will cover these, tea/coffee, communications and internet for campaign purposes, as well as other supplies to run the camp and petrol for camp activities.

This contribution is via an honesty system where you preferably pop cash in a donation bucket (bring cash with you as the nearest ATM is 40 minutes round trip away) or at a pinch, you can do a direct EFT using the bank details provided at camp (noting you'll need Telstra mobile reception to do this).

Everyone is asked to contribute:

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

If this is a barrier for you that's totally fine - just let us know and we can discuss some other arrangements.

Know your rights

Before you arrive it would be helpful to check out [this amazing resource](#) that gets you action ready! It covers the ins-and-outs of the Queensland legal process, your rights and more.

What to bring

Be prepared for a variety of weather conditions. The days are warming up (high 20's) but the nights are still cold. When you are out taking action, you can expect it to be quite hot so be prepared for outdoor actions with your day-pack and sun gear.

In addition to your own camping gear and personal items we recommend:

- A large drink bottle for water and your own hydralites to help absorb the water
- Broad brimmed sun hat (and/or an umbrella); Sunscreen/zinc; Insect repellent
- Light clothing that covers all your skin; Warm clothing for night; Sturdy walking shoes
- Greywater safe personal cleaning products
- Notepad, pens
- Camp chair (if driving)
- Head torch
- Laptop if you wish to do work here and a telstra SIM card if you want to access the internet
- Small backpack to take to actions that can hold all of your personal effects
- A full tank of fuel when you arrive

The following items can be helpful if you have them:

- Portable phone charger and any old smartphone that captures photos/video and can be used for communication
- Camera

There is also a [wishlist](#) of things - if you can bring any of these items, please do!

What NOT to bring

- Any illicit substances
- Pets unless you need to

Frontline Action on Coal acknowledges elders, past present and future. We respect the communication protocols and the important role of Elders in culture and heritage protection advice. We recognise and respect cultural heritage, beliefs, customs and the continuing relationship and responsibility to traditional land and water and day and night sky. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the people living today and future generations, and stand in solidarity with First Nations people in their continuing struggle for justice.