

Dear Colleagues,

My parents have owned and operated a tourist sailing business from Airlie Beach, Whitsundays, for the last 20 years. Over 60,000 direct and indirect sustainable jobs rely on the health of GBR - more than those employed in coal mining and unconventional gas, that clearly have a limited future.

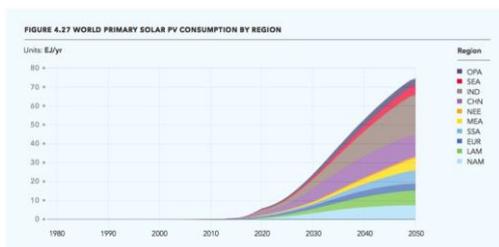
I can assure you that tourists aren't going home to share with their friends how well Australia is doing to manage this crisis. Quite the contrary. Especially the aware and educated Europeans, who can't understand at all the vile, dysfunctional state of Australian politics.

Not only is the health of our oceans so vitally important in the face of severe degradation and plastic pollution from countries with little or no regulation, but the very fact that investing in a sovereign risk project such as Adani is even being considered, is ample evidence that there is a crisis in leadership and media ownership in Australia - media outlets that peddle the misrepresentation of FACTS!

It is completely contradictory and hypocritical that on one hand you claim to hold the sustainable future health of our oceans and GBR as a priority, yet on the other, QLD Labor and the Federal Coalition Government have given approval for shipload upon shipload of coal to be transported by large polluting ships from Bowen directly through the GBR and protected marine zones for the next 50 years. (how else could this investment be justified if the ADANI mine is not exporting at full capacity for the next 50 years - which in itself is a joke and a lie!)

Do your job and wake the &\*\$ up!

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