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It's time for Federal Labor to back regional jobs and Queensland communities

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The refusal by the new leadership of the Federal Labor Party to support jobs and regional communities in Queensland by backing the Adani Carmichael mine and the expansion of the North Galilee Basin shows the Opposition has learnt little from its poor showing in Queensland in the election ten days ago.

Labor should be unequivocal in its support for Adani and Queensland coal jobs.

Instead of questioning the economic viability of the Carmichael mine and other prospects in the North Galilee Basin, Anthony Albanese and Richard Marles should welcome the thousands of new regional jobs and long-term investment in the mine and rail infrastructure in Queensland as a result of new mines being developed.

The Carmichael mine will generate billions of dollars for taxpayers over decades to fund nurses, teachers, police, hospitals, roads and other services and infrastructure for Queensland families and communities.

The mine will also open up the North Galilee Basin for further development – an exciting new phase in Australia's rich history of mining exploration and development which has made our nation a global mining powerhouse.

When even the Queensland Labor Government has set a deadline for the remaining Adani approvals after blocking and delaying these approvals for months, it's time for Federal Labor to get behind regional communities and the jobs and prosperity created by our world-class minerals industry.

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