

*A strong voice for our future*

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## LNP holding back CQ mining jobs boon

More than 500 construction jobs and 1000 operational jobs in a new Central Queensland coal mine are going begging due to Federal Government inaction.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga told Parliament the approval from the federal LNP government for the Olive Downs Coking Coal Project, a billion-dollar investment, is now 239 days overdue.

“The people of Central Queensland are desperate for jobs.

“It is a real shame that the federal government has been sitting on the approval for this metallurgical coal mine that is proposed by an Australian miner.”

Ms Lauga said metallurgical coal is in such high demand for steel production in markets around the world.

“The federal Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley, and her federal counterparts have been sitting on this approval for 239 days now, despite the fact that the Queensland Coordinator-General approved this project last year.

“As a direct result of the federal government dragging its feet on this project, these jobs are now in limbo.”

Ms Lauga said the people of Central Queensland are “sick and tired of the infighting happening at a federal level”.

“It is very clear the government is completely forgetting about their role, their responsibility to govern and to provide jobs for people in Central Queensland.

“It is clear the LNP at a federal level is just too busy fighting against each other.

“What they really need to do is concentrate on their job which is to get on with it and to sort these approvals that are now 239 days overdue.

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“Again I am calling on the federal Member for Capricornia to pick up the phone to talk to her federal counterpart, the Minister for the Environment, and ask to get these approvals sorted as soon as possible,” said Ms Lauga.

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