

NO NEW COAL MINES

Who REALLY benefits from coal mining in Queensland? THE ECONOMIC FACTS

- The Queensland Government GIVES **\$1.7 billion** to coal mining per year
Source: Queensland Budget Paper 2, page 113 (2009)
- But only **\$1.4 billion** is RECEIVED FROM Queensland coal mines per year
Source: Queensland Budget Paper 3, pages 15,22,119 (2009)
- Most coal profits go OFF SHORE. e.g. Rio Tinto is 84% overseas owned
Overseas ownership - Rio Tinto's Charter Book. Page 55: 16% Australian owned.

JOB?

- Coal industry = 19,462 in 2007-08
Source: Queensland Coal Industry 5 year summary, Department of Mines and Energy)
- Tourism = 118,898 in Queensland — 6 times more than the coal industry
Source: "Tourism Satellite Accounts 2006-07:Queensland", Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre, page vii (2008))
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: = 80,000 jobs — 4 times more than the coal industry
Source: Office of Economic and Statistical Research Website, Queensland Treasury

THINK

- Coal mining—>inflation—>higher interest rates—>higher \$A—>jobs go off shore
- Coal mining uses a LOT of WATER and pollutes waterways
- Why should coal mining be more important than FOOD PRODUCTION?
- Coal is a non-renewable resource and coal mining is an UNSUSTAINABLE practice

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

Ask your local member to:

- * oppose coal mining
- * ensure waterways remain unpolluted
- * protect farmland and support local business people and farmers who are against coal mines
- * support transition away from dependance on coal to RENEWABLE energy
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