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From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Kerry Hayes

The eternal optimists

It was a great pleasure last week to be present at the announcement of final board approval of the Adani Carmichael coal project in Townsville.

There were three major supplier contracts signed: with AECOM for design of the rail project, Austrak for the supply of concrete sleepers, and Downer as the major civil works contractor.

There was a palpable sense of excitement around this eventual decision that has been seven years in the making and, in some ways, a great sense of relief that this project would give the regions the economic boost that has been missing for some time.

I had the opportunity to speak with representatives of those successful suppliers and hear their plans for expansion and rehire and the new jobs that will become available.

I am very proud to have our region announced as a preferred supplier to the project and am grateful for the hard work that the Central Highlands Development Corporation has put in to ensure that our mining and service businesses now have this great opportunity.

Good things come to those that wait was the line that was used by Senator Matt Canavan at the official opening and I look forward to seeing those businesses that have been patient and that have weathered some tough economic times rewarded for their optimism and belief in our great region.

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