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DIGGING INTO ADANI: FOUR CORNERS

Airs Monday 2nd October at 8.30pm

Digging into Adani: The dubious dealings of India's corporate colossus.

"Why would the crime branch want to see us?" Stephen Long, reporter

When *Four Corners* travelled to India to investigate the activities of the giant Adani group, they soon discovered the power of the company. While attempting to film and gather information about Adani's operations, the *Four Corners* team had their cameras shut down, their footage deleted and were questioned for hours by police. The team were left in no doubt that their investigations into the Indian company triggered the police action.

For months, *Four Corners* has been digging into the business practices of the Adani Group. This is the corporate colossus that plans to build Australia's biggest mine site.

"I do know about Adani and that means thousands of jobs for regional Queenslanders ..." Annastacia Palaszczuk, Qld Premier

The polarising debate around the proposed mine site in Queensland's Galilee Basin is often pitted as a simplistic jobs versus greenies argument. But there are influential figures in India who warn that Australians need to know much more about the Adani Group.

"You know, the Australian politicians are obviously not properly briefed by their offices." Former senior energy official

On Monday *Four Corners* examines the troubled corporate history of the Adani group in India revealing the findings of government investigations into financial and environment crimes".

"The report found not accidental violations, the report found deliberate violations, wilful violations." Former Government Minister

The program analyses the Adani Group's opaque financial operations and investigates the ramifications for their Australian operations.

"What this tells you is that here is a business group that will not stop at anything to maximise its profits." Economist

This investigation examines whether, in the rush to secure jobs and shore up the mining industry, Australian politicians have failed to properly scrutinise the

company that's now hoping to receive a taxpayer funded loan of up to \$1 billion for its project.

"I think the Australian Government ought to do environmental due diligence, which it seems not to have done. It certainly has to do financial due diligence. Both due diligences are required, both for the financial side and from the environmental side." Indian politician

Digging into Adani, reported by Stephen Long and presented by Sarah Ferguson, goes to air on Monday 2nd October at 8.30pm AEDT. It is replayed on Tuesday 3rd October at 1.00pm and Wednesday 4th at 11pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.10pm AEDT, [ABC iview](#) and at abc.net.au/4corners.