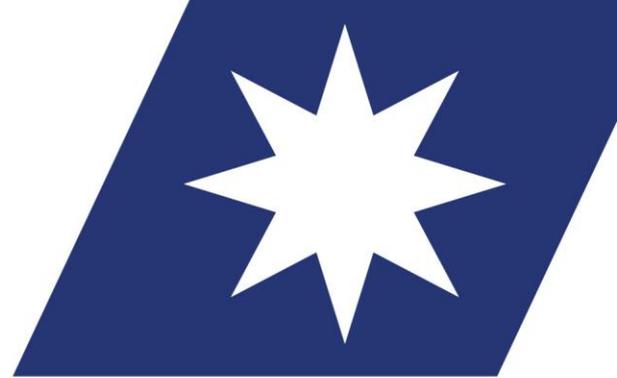


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### **Collinsville Power Station: stop using North Qld as a political football**

The Federal Government has bowed to the pressure of rogue, leadership driven Nationals by announcing a \$4 million feasibility study into a 1 gigawatt power station at Collinsville, Bob Katter has said.

The Kennedy MP believes a power station of that size doesn't stack up financially, and has called on Nationals MPs to stop using the North as a play-thing for their own leadership battles.

"I am all for a single unit, 200 megawatt power station at Collinsville," Mr Katter said.

"There was a power station there previously, so half of it is already built. The basic infrastructure is there; pylons, housing, buildings, and flooring. The construction costs would be negligible; it would create 100 jobs for the area and you would need to transport the coal from Newlands 60 km away. So a 200 megawatt power station would be relatively cheap for North Qld industry and I say if you want to build it, just do it.

"Going to a power station five times the size is just ridiculous. If we build a major coal fired power station, the size they are talking of, we are locked into \$84 a megawatt hour – Finkle is right. North Qld's businesses and industries would collapse. Alternatively the people in South-East Qld are getting their power at \$28 a megawatt hour."

In today's edition of the Townsville Bulletin an ALP State MP was leading the charge for the 'Lilypad-Left' Mr Katter said.

"He doesn't want a power station at all," he said.

"A vote for them is a vote to close down the coal industry. These people are getting voted in when their policy is to completely destroy North Queensland."

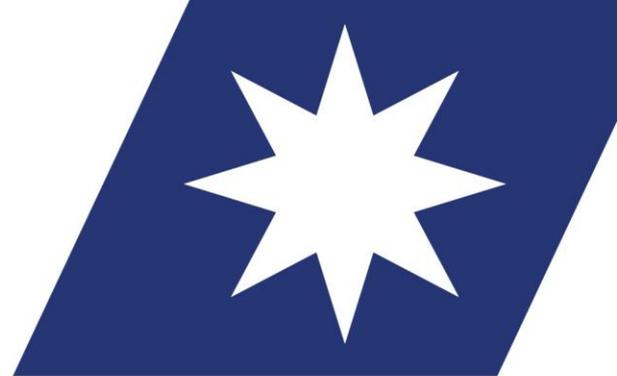
Mr Katter said the solution to North Qld's power conundrum is simple.

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“The region requires around 900 megawatts of base load electricity and 600 megawatts of peak load,” he said.

“Hells Gates will generate 620 megawatts, existing sugar mills produce around 220 megawatts and 640 megawatts should be produced from The Tully Hydro Realignment project. 200 megawatts will be generated at Collinsville. Mount Isa via Copper String can provide all necessary emergency power. Mount Isa has over 400 megawatts of instant despatch-able power. This means North Queensland will have moderate to very cheap power forever with low CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.”

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