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Media Release – 14 Sep 2009 **Waratah Coal dreaming**

Capricorn Conservation Council is amazed that Waratah Coal has announced plans to build a Clean Coal power station at Alpha in Central Qld.

“The inconvenient truth is that there is no such thing as a clean coal power station and there probably won’t be for at least another 20 years. This announcement by Waratah is just green wash, and the people of Queensland should not be fooled. ” said CCC Vice-President, Ian Herbert.

At the very least, Waratah Coal should be required to prove that workable, full-scale, clean coal technology exists before applying for any mining leases in the, as yet untouched, Galilee basin.

“While it is well known that the coal industry is doomed without some form of carbon capture and storage, Waratah Coal is getting way ahead of itself by jumping on the “Clean Coal” bandwagon before it even has wheels.” said Mr Herbert.
