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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

To the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee

As the State Member for Capalaba, I would like to lodge my support for the continuation of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island.

Although Stradbroke Island is not within my Electorate, Stradbroke has a unique economy with strong community links, mining activity and tourism of which Capalaba constituents often come into contact with whether through employment, tourism, relatives or community links. This economy and Island cannot be easily replaced.

On North Stradbroke Island, sand mining employs almost 300 people with a further 230 people employed on the mainland. This activity contributes \$130 million to the Island's economy each year. For over 60 years, sand mining on North Stradbroke Island has supported the local economy and provided jobs for Stradbroke residents. This economy and job provision positively affects our electorate and the Redlands community as a whole and will continue to support this community by providing jobs for our constituents, income and economic growth.

Additionally, Stradbroke Island is home to a large network of community organisations which help make Stradbroke Island a great place to live and visit. The continuation of sand mining will help these community groups grow. As a much loved and cherished location, the continuation of sand mining is an opportunity for the island to have long-term prosperity and a sustainable future after sand mining concludes.

Stradbroke Island is a great community, great island with a great future and I support the continuation of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Davies', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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