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To: [Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Legislation regarding Mining on North Stradbroke Island
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to say I support the proposed change to the legislation to allow for mining on the Island to continue to 2035.

I have lived on North Stradbroke Island for 10 years. My wife works at a local business and my two children go to the local school. I myself work for Sibelco on the North Stradbroke Island.

With mining on the island comes many benefits to the island and community. Local business can exist and thrive, community groups benefit from support from Sibelco and the employment allows for people to work and provide for their families.

At present there are no viable alternative employment opportunities to replace those that would be lost if the mine closed too soon.

Extending the mining life to 2035 would allow time for the community and economy of North Stradbroke to evolve successfully so that it could then become sustainable without mining.

Your Sincerely

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