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Subject: Legislation regarding Mining on North Stradbroke Island
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please register my support for the proposed changes to the legislation to allow for mining on the Island to continue to 2035.

I have lived on North Stradbroke Island permanently for 18 years and had been a regular visitor to my parents holiday property since childhood. My wife who is born and bred on Nth Stradbroke Island owns and operates a local small business. I myself work for Sibelco on 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, whilst living in the island community.

At present there are no viable alternative employment opportunities for skilled mining workers to replace those that would be lost if the mine closed too soon as well as limited new business opportunities to fill the economic gap that may affect the island and Redland city community. 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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