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To whom it may concern:

I would like to present my submission in regard to :

## North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013

It's very concerning that sand mining has been allowed to go on at Straddie for so long, and many people believe it should have been stopped years ago, and now we hear it may be allowed to continue for many more years to come. This is very sad news.

The environment all around Australia, more especially Queensland is suffering, with much more than mining going on. Wildlife and habitat loss is very scary. We have to stand up for our National Parks and wetlands as it seems more and more are disappearing with little or no concern for our future generations.

I have been very fortunate in the last 25 years to have spent many holidays at Straddie, and it is sad that changes have to happen so my grand-children may not be able to experience all the beauty I've experienced.

We would prefer that the environment be preserved not destroyed bit by bit, year by year. We would prefer the government stand up for the environment not pass bills allowing so many restrictions.

Australia is known around the world for it's unique wildlife. Australia as a whole is unique. Please let us leave it unique. Please leave national parks and wetlands as they are. If you take out the "unique" from Australia it will become another country with an over-population of humans, concrete buildings, little or no grassland, disappearing parks, and a tourism likened to visiting Tokyo or China, all people and buildings, animals in zoos, and memories of what parks used to look like.

There are petitions from groups trying to save many endangered wildlife in Australia eg. dingoes, koalas, kangaroos, flying foxes, wombats and I recently signed a petition to save Swan Lake in Lytton. Why are we constantly being swamped by these petitions? It's because the federal government, councils, environment minister, the premier and so many MPs don't want to preserve Australia for it's unique beauty. Well, we as Queenslanders, and true Australians DO want to save the environment. We want to preserve Australia as is.

I beg this bill be turned down, and for sanity to prevail in Australia.

