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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
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Re: Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013 (Bill)

Dear Committee

As a North Stradbroke Island long-term resident, property owner, Redland's ratepayer and an active member of the Island community, I completely oppose the Bill which extends Enterprise mine on North Stradbroke Island from 2019 to at least 2035, with a further five years for rehabilitation.

North Stradbroke Island should be protected from all forms of mining. It should be a natural reserve with the majority of the Island national park, and all leases returned to national park in consultation with the Quandamooka Traditional Owners.

Community members who rely on mining for jobs, should be supported by the State Government to re-train to be employed in sustainable tourism ventures, and national parks on the Island.

Mining is not Stradbroke's future. Sixty years of mining is enough.

Mining destroys forever dune landscapes and habitats created over millennia.

Mining will impact on the island's aquifers, Ramsar wetlands and endangered species such as koalas, acid frogs and swamp orchids.

The Bill will allow mining into areas completely surrounded by the National Park. In fact, mining will destroy earmarked future national park. The NSIPS Act 2011 provided for 80% of the island is to become national park, jointly managed by the Quandamooka People.

The Bill lowers the bar on environmental controls. It removes buffers for Ramsar and national park and allows mining disturbance into plant communities previously protected under the provisions of the NSIPS Act 2011. Conditions preventing off-lease harm, and the requirement for robust environmental studies preceding new mine sites, are weakened.

The Bligh government gave a very generous transition period, extending the most lucrative mine, Enterprise, by eight years to 2019.

It is a preposterous assertion that an extra 16 years are needed for transition, on top of 8 years already granted, for an industry that employs only 13% of the island's workers.

I am very concerned the government trampled over native title rights in order to make good favours to the mining company. The government has failed to consult with the Quandamooka People about the planned legislation but it met repeatedly with Sibelco, as revealed in the ABC 7.30 program (18.7.13) and in Estimates (19.7.13).

Sibelco is still before the courts facing charges for removing and selling sand from the island without permits. There are question marks over the lack of EPBC Act approval for Enterprise mine and the Commonwealth is investigating.

How can our government not see that North Stradbroke Island's fragile fauna and flora are worth far more in the long-term than the short-sighted unsustainable mining of such a precious resource.

NSI is a natural paradise on the doorstep of Moreton Bay and Queensland's largest population centre of Brisbane and the SE.

We need to preserve for future generations our precious Island.

The Bill should be opposed.

Yours sincerely,

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