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The Chairman

Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Chairman,

**Re: North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013**

We would like to make a submission to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee concerning the above mentioned Bill.

My husband and I are residents of North Stradbroke Island, where we own property. I was born while my family lived on the Island and our family has had ties here since 1966 and my husband has lived here for over 27 years. My husband is employed by Sibelco and I am employed in the real estate industry. If mining is to close this will be devastating to our family, with very little to replace mining in the way of employment, what would we do? There are many families in the same position, with Dunwich being particularly effected and the flow on effect to all businesses would see many businesses being put under huge pressure, hence the flow on effect and a downturn in employment opportunities.

I lived for a time in North Queensland and know that Sibelco does a fantastic effort in their rehabilitation on the Island, and I am sure the Government would agree with that, when you see how areas like Mount Leyshon near Charters Towers and Ravenswood have been left post mining. My thoughts are if only other mining companies were made to adhere to the stringent rehab regulations that Sibelco have the North Qld might look a lot prettier...

Should you require any further information regarding my submsssion you may contact me at the above address.

Regards,

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