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To: Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee

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Amendment Bill 2013

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## <u>Submission to the Inquiry into the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013</u>

Dear Committee,

Our extended family owns property and has spent been much of our recreational time on Stradbroke over the past 30 years.

We and the community at large strongly oppose the extension of the mining lease

- The mine has substantial long term intergenerational environmental impact and only benefits a single generation.
- The island community intergenerational future requires a sustainable and diverse economy based on Stradbroke's natural values, including tourism, education, arts and culture
- Mining damages Stradbroke's unique nature brand. As the second largest sand island in the world, North Stradbroke Island already attracts between 300,000 and 400,000 people each year.
- The Bill only serves the interests of an international mining entity. Importantly the
  process has been driven by executive government following a substantial electoral gift
  from the benefactor of the lease extension. The community is understandably sceptical
  of the rationale behind the Bill.

It must be opposed.
Yours sincerely
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