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I have been a property owner at Point Lookout for more than a decade  
While I enjoy the beaches, I also spend time walking the Island.  
I have noticed significant changes in the time including new roads providing access to sand mining area and inadvertently more access to the beach.  
I have seen increased water run off from mines that was flooding natural habitat with death of trees.  
I have also seen significant increase in the area being mined at any one time.

Stradbroke Island is a unique environment that should be protected and should be protected now. I am strongly opposed to the extension of the mining to 2035 as proposed in the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013 (NSIPSAAA Bill).

I understand from the media that the new legislation removes specific reference to no off-site impacts or environmental damage. This provision should be restored. If the Queensland Government is so confident that off-site environmental harm, damage or impacts are covered by existing legislation, surely there is no reason not to restate that provision specifically in NSIPSAAA Bill.

I also understand from environmentalists on the island are concerned that there are no declaration of weed species on rehabilitated sites. As weeds, by definition, spread from one site to another this is environmentally irresponsible. The risk of weed species spreading to national parks is high and so a precautionary principle should be adopted and uniform weed control should be adopted for the entire island.

I have spoken to the traditional owners and native title holders and they have not been consulted about the changes to the NSIPSAAA Bill.  
As a minimum, this consultation should take place prior to the Bill being considered by the Government.

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