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To: [Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee](#)
Cc: [Ferry Grove Electorate Office](#)
Subject: Sand mining on North Stradbroke Island
Date: Sunday, 27 October 2013 10:54:24 PM

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my absolute opposition to the extension of the permit for Sibelco to continuing sand-mining on North Stradbroke Island.

My reasons for opposing this proposal are several:

Sibelco has shown a cavalier attitude to complying with conditions on its mining leases on Stradbroke in the past;

Sandmining is threatenng the sensitive water table on the island, which has a consequent impact on the RAMSAR listed wetlands;

The Enterprise sand mine was never assessed or approved under the EPBC Act, despite it being within metres of the Island's internationally recognised Ramsar listed wetlands. Extending the lease without further environmental assessment of the impact it has already had is irresponsible;

The government has failed to adequately consult with the Quandamooka people who have the natve title over this land - you have no right to do this, and I understand that it is contrary to the law to do so without their consent;

The valuable tourism industry on Strdbroke island is threatened by further expansion of the mine;

It is completely wrong for any Government to put a few jobs, and the short-term profits of a company, before the protection of the lands over which they have a duty of care.

This bill should not be allowed to pass through parliament

there has to be an end. Sand-mining has already continued for too long

please take this as a formal submission against the proposed bill

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