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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.

Our organisation the North Stradbroke Island Rugby League and All Sport Club (Straddie Sharks) supports the continuation of mining on the Island. We have had a long history with the various companies who have held the mining leases and have enjoyed both sponsorship and support since our inception in 1986.

Our organisation supports the youth of the Island, and is very proud of the cross section of members, including a large percentage of Indigenous players, members and committee members.

With a large number of our members being employed by the Mines, the closure of this industry would leave a vast hole in our community, with a flow on effect to most businesses, including ours.

We believe Sibelco can be very proud of their rehabilitation efforts, as recognised by the awards they have received for their work. Generationally many of us have not known the Island economy without mining, so while groups may be vocal in the ceasing of mining, the impact will be a far different scenario and we believe a very negative impact.

Regards,

Tony Brown

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