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To whom it may concern,

In the case of the Honourable Minister regarding the economic transition/s on North Stradbroke Island and the prospects of adequate rehabilitation of damage effected during the island's sand-mining history, I join those who enjoy the responsibility of caring about the island because of their (a) ecological awareness through extensive peer and mentor-reviewed scientific work and/or (b) extensive and intimate connection with the most subtle and perhaps most precious elements within the island, accrued over many thousands of years.

On point (x) and supplementary appended effect of the current Bill, it occurs to me that large, foreign-owned corporations who inherited extensive resource extraction and modification leases on once Crown Land owe the interests in such land the minimal duty of providing a Significant Beneficial Impact subsequent to damaging world-class lands and related water systems.

In item (a) as described in current Committee discussion notes, "a realistic timeframe" actually means a convenient, that is a profitable schedule by which profit-takers like Sibelco can deal with residual regulation of their activities, such as they still maintain an interest (for such parties).

Item (b) as accorded would open up the Enterprise mine path (extension) to direct public attention. Criticisms of the current Government's 'draconian' legislative tendencies would find refuge in minimising their own respect for the present and projected tenet of Queensland State powers.

Generally, this Bill looks to return the favour by Sibelco and their PR strategists before the election that saw off the Bligh-Fraser Government and introduced the Member for Ashgrove as new Premier. He bears primary responsibility for this favour and the perceptions it surely arouses.

I oppose this Government's approach to North Stradbroke Island as a whole.

"A enable Sibelco to seek a renewal of mining leases in 2019 at the Enterprise mine until 2035, thereby providing a realistic timeframe in which North Stradbroke Island (NSI) can transition to other industries such as nature based recreation, tourism and education

B remove the restricted mine path and non-winning condition over part of the Enterprise mine and consequently replace the environmental authority. This will reduce the harm done to Queensland's reputation in relation to sovereign risk and leave environmental matters to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld) (EP Act)* and

C provide for an opportunity to renew mining leases associated with Yarraman mine and Enterprise mine, until 2020 and 2040 respectively with a non-winning condition for the last 5 years. This will provide the necessary mechanism to allow for rehabilitation of the mine sites.

(x) The Bill also amends the *Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Act 2013* to remove the requirement for an applicant for vegetation clearing to provide a

