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Dear Rob,

I am emailing you as part of the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committees consideration of the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013.

I write to voice my support for the government's amendment bill as it corrects the legislation introduced by the previous government that was imposed on the residents of North Stradbroke Island.

When the previous government announced their intention in mid-2010 without consulting the more than 2000 residents, the community was outraged. Since July 2010 the residents have been surveyed and petitioned.

A survey conducted by my office in July-September 2010 was sent to all residents. About 700 responses from local residents were received. A huge majority (more than 80%) rejected the former governments plan and clearly advocated a re-instatement of the understood timelines for sandmining.

Further, a local petition was signed by 1517 people opposing the former governments decision to end sandmining in such a short time frame.

The petition is as follows:

Petition to the Right Honourable Premier of Queensland Ms Anna Bligh

We, the residents of North Stradbroke Island wish to register our strong disapproval of your government's recent decisions to prematurely close down the island's mines and to turn 80% of the island into national park. There is still time for you to meet and talk to the bulk of the island's three communities. There is still time for you to reconsider the actions that have already caused residents a great deal of stress and angst. There is still time for you [to] give us back our future.

The community clearly wants the Newman governments amendment bill. This bill does so without impacting on the states ILUA and environmental standards.

Regards

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