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To whom it may concern

We are writing as Indigenous mine workers who are employed at Sibelco Australia Limited's three mines on North Stradbroke Island.

The Indigenous families who have been involved in the mining industry on North Stradbroke Island since it began in the late 1940's to the present time, have enjoyed full time permanent work on the Island, enabled our families to develop skills, build their own homes and educate their children and in the process have provided good role models for the younger community members. Indigenous community members have been the founding members of many of the sporting clubs, social, community-based organizations and church groups established on the Island.

By allowing the passage of the amendments through the State Parliamentary process, the new Bill will provide certainty to the Indigenous and wider NSI community and will ensure initiatives, such as

- Meeting COAG initiatives ( Closing the Gap in employment),
- Allowing for temporal transition for Indigenous employment,
- Allowing for future training and employment for Indigenous people within Sibelco,
- Preparing Indigenous People for business enterprises,
- Directly supporting approx. 60 Indigenous families,
- Training and employment with Sibelco and developing Island-based businesses for Indigenous people, and
- Opportunities for long term sustainable land management outcomes

will continue or will be implemented to provide a smoother transition from an industry-based economy to a tourist-based economy here on our Island.

We have long been empowered because of the opportunity to work and live on our country, and we have developed into a community which is respected Australia wide and fully support the proposed NSI Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013.

Yours faithfully

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