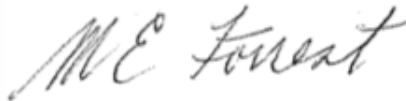


Submission to the Inquiry into:

The North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013

This submission opposes the draft Bill and requests that it be withdrawn for the following reasons:

1. There is scientific evidence that current mining operations at the Enterprise Mine site are already impacting the adjacent wetlands. Expansion and continuation of mining will increase risk significantly and therefore should not proceed.
2. There is no evidence that post-mining restoration of natural eco systems has been successful in South East Queensland. Partial restoration is not an acceptable outcome as it remains at risk through lack of resilience to fire, storms and climate change.
3. Long term sustainable jobs associated with nature tourism are likely to be sacrificed if damage to Stradbroke's environment continues for the sake of short term jobs in mining. The Bill will lead to loss of employment opportunities in the long term not a gradual transition as claimed.



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