

Bills dealing with the future of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island

The Finance and Administration Committee is holding public forums in relation to two Bills as set out below. All members of the community and stakeholder groups interested in hearing more about the proposals are invited to attend.

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Queensland Parliament is considering two Bills dealing with the future of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island. The committee is to report on both Bills by 31 March 2016.

- On 27 October 2015 Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Dalrymple, introduced the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability (Renewal of Mining Leases) Amendment Bill 2015 as a Private Members' Bill
- On 3 December 2015 the Hon Steven Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, introduced the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2015 into the Queensland Parliament.

Public Forums

Stradbroke Island

Moreton Bay Research Centre Corner of Flinders Ave & Fraser Streets Dunwich Monday 8 February 2016 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Cleveland

Redlands RSL 8 Passage Street, Cleveland Wednesday 10 February 2016 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Anyone interested in attending the forums is invited to register their attendance with the committee secretariat by: phoning 3553 6637 or emailing fac@parliament.qld.gov.au

The forums are an opportunity to hear more about what is proposed and for members of the public to ask questions and tell the committee what they think about the proposals to phase out sand mining on North Stradbroke Island.

The Bills have similar purposes:

- The primary objective of the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability (Renewal of Mining Leases) Amendment Bill 2015, as outlined in the explanatory notes, is to sustainably end sand mining activities in the North Stradbroke Island Region by the end of 2024, and allow for rehabilitation of land in the region until the end of 2029.
- The main objective of the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2015, as outlined in the explanatory notes, is to effectively repeal the amendments made to the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011 by the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Act 2013 to substantively phase out sand mining by 2019.

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