



**AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES
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Parliamentary committee examines laws affecting North Stradbroke Island Sandmining

A parliamentary committee will examine laws introduced in the Queensland Parliament this week to allow sandmining on North Stradbroke Island to continue until 2035.

The laws are contained in the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013 introduced by the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Andrew Cripps MP on 17 October.

If passed, the Bill would also remove mine path restrictions on Sibelco's Enterprise Mine that were legislated in 2011. Environmentally sensitive areas around the mine would instead be protected from future mining under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The Bill would also allow mining companies to access mining leases for a further five years after the end of mining to rehabilitate the land.

Committee Chair, Ian Riskuss MP is urging people who will be affected by the Bill to get involved in the committee's inquiry.

"The Bill will have a profound impact on the future of North Stradbroke Island, the local economy and the people who live and work there," Mr Rickuss said. "It will have special significance for the Quandamooka People who are recognised native title holders."

"The committee is keen to hear from everyone who has views on this legislation."

The committee is taking written submissions on the Bill until **Monday 28 October**.

On Wednesday 23 October, the committee will hold a public briefing on the Bill in the Parliamentary Annexe from 9.30am. The briefing will be broadcast live via the Parliament's website. Information about the briefing is available from the [committee's website](#) or by calling 3406 7908. Individuals and interested groups will have the opportunity to their say on the Bill at a public hearing to be held in the Parliamentary Annexe on 30 October.

The committee is required to report back to parliament on the Bill by 14 November 2014.

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