

Anna, Keep Your Promise. Don't Shut Straddie Down.



In June last year, the Premier announced that sandmining would continue on North Stradbroke Island until 2027.

The Queensland Government went back on its word and made a decision to 'fast-track' the end of mining on North Stradbroke Island by 2019. This puts at risk 650 jobs and will devastate the Stradbroke Island community and economy.

Sibelco had been in negotiations with the Queensland Government to determine the best way forward for Straddie and its residents. During these negotiations, Sibelco proposed an orderly and staged end to sandmining in line with the government's 2027 commitment.

The Bligh Government has now effectively shut down sandmining without leaving time for other industries to develop.

This would seem to be nothing more than a decision made by a government angling for green preferences in the upcoming election in inner-Brisbane electorates.

Residents, visitors, small businesses and Sibelco employees have been left stranded by this broken promise by the Premier.

Sibelco's mining operations are the foundation for Straddie's fuel and electricity supplies, barge and ferry services, general infrastructure and local community groups.

Sandmining has delivered great outcomes for the community, the environment and the Island's economy since commencing operations some 50 years ago.

Ending sandmining prematurely will shut Straddie down.

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