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Mr Cameron Costello
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Dear Cameron
~~Dear Mr Costello,~~

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 2015 inviting Queensland Labor to provide answers to the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation's (QYAC) proposed initiatives for the 2015 State election.

Queensland Labor recognises that the Quandamooka people are the traditional owners of North Stradbroke Island and have occupied the lands and waters of Moreton Bay and the Quandamooka people's inalienable right to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of their native title land on North Stradbroke Island.

The Labor Opposition voted against the Newman Government's *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013* which is one of the grossest abuses of the Parliament and democratic process in Queensland's history.

This bill contained Sibelco branded maps of mining lease areas in the legislation, was drafted in accordance with a briefing note provided by Sibelco to the Newman Government with each and every demand met, and was defended using an economic analysis produced entirely by Sibelco, that was branded as that of the department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning. This legislation followed \$91,840 in electoral support being provided by Sibelco to the Premier in his seat of Ashgrove at the 2012 election, which Sibelco had initially failed to declare to the Electoral Commission of Queensland. The LNP made no mention of legislation to allow for the extension of sand mining to 2035 before the 2012 State election and had no mandate to introduce that legislation.

The Quandamooka people were treated extremely poorly by the Newman Government and were not even consulted prior to this legislation being introduced into Parliament.

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Queensland Labor will act to immediately repeal the disgraceful *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Act 2013*. Queensland Labor also commits to early and close consultation with the Quandamooka people on any future decision relating to the management of mining leases on North Stradbroke Island.

To reinforce Labor's commitment to transitioning the economy of North Stradbroke Island from sand mining, we will also commit up to \$20 million over five years towards a North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition strategy.

I am deeply concerned to hear about the lack of basic clean water, sewerage and waste management infrastructure for Quandamooka families at One Mile. However, the funding of this infrastructure is a responsibility of the Redland City Council. If elected Queensland Labor will meet with the Council to resolve how these unacceptable living conditions can be addressed.

Queensland Labor also acknowledges that the joint management arrangements for the Naree Budjong Djarra National Park have been poorly managed by the Newman Government. Queensland Labor will also commit funding to ensure that joint management arrangements for Naree Budjong Djarra National Park are delivered in accordance with the Indigenous Management Agreement into the future, including the existing joint manger position.

Thank you for providing Queensland Labor with the opportunity to outline our position on these important issues.

Yours sincerely



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