1. In June 2010, the Premier and Minister for the Arts released the Government’s vision for a sustainable North Stradbroke Island. The vision includes the phasing out of mining and dedication of up to 80 percent of the island as protected area, to be jointly managed with the Traditional Owners of the region, by 2027. Over half of the island is to be protected area by the end of 2011.
2. The Premier and Minister for the Arts also announced the need to start planning for a transition towards a more economical and environmentally sustainable use of the land and resource.
3. The primary objective of the North Stradbroke Island Sustainability Bill 2011 is to substantially end mining activities (including all heavy mineral sand mining) in the North Stradbroke Island Region (North Stradbroke and Peel Islands) by the end of 2019, and to end all mining in the Region by 2025, to:
* protect and restore the environmental values of the region; and
* facilitate the staged creation of areas that are to be jointly managed by the State and the Traditional Owners of the region.
1. Cabinet approved the North Stradbroke Island Sustainability Bill 2011 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments:*
* [North Stradbroke Island Sustainability Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory notes](Attachments/Exp%20Notes.pdf)