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## Plea to save Straddie

HOW much more of the beautiful forests, waterways and dunes of North Stradbroke Island have to be destroyed before the Government finally does something?

This special island, just offshore from one of the fastest-growing urban areas in Australia, is being trashed for short-term profits, which are sent to the mine's overseas owners. Come on, Anna, make a truly tough decision — implement Labor policy and declare the island a national park.

Mary Barram, Teneriffe

IT'S time for Premier Anna Bligh and her Government to show they have the guts to make the tough decisions to create a state that Queenslanders of the future will want to live in.

That means not renewing the mining leases on North Stradbroke Island held by tarnished foreign mining company Unimin Australia Ltd.

We need green space, we need to save what bushland remains close to urban areas of southeast Queensland. We need our Premier to make a decision in favour of Queenslanders who aren't even born yet, not the last lobbyist who walked through her door.

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