

Stradbroke Island Management Organisation

AMITY POINT P.O.

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S.I.M.O. was formed in June, 1978. It has two major aims

- 1) to press local and state government authorities to implement recommendations of the Coastal Management Study (1975), regarding North Stradbroke Island (This report recommends against bridge construction)
- 2) to ensure that government environmental impact studies are open to all interested individuals and organizations.

The 150 members of S.I.M.O. share interest in and concern for the island's future. The organization is run by a committee which meets regularly, usually once a fortnight, on the island.

Since the formation of S.I.M.O., the committee has

- 1) produced the enclosed pamphlet and membership form
- 2) sought representation (through its technical officers, Ms. M. Maher, B.A., Dip. Ed., M.Sc.) as an advisory body on the forthcoming environmental impact study on the proposed bridge. The outcome of this application is not yet known
- 3) established a good working relationship with and become a member of the Queensland Conservation Council, which is already an Advisory Body. Q.C.C. will represent S.I.M.O. if our application for representation is unsuccessful
- 4) sold "Leave Straddie Unabridged" stickers at 20¢ each to raise money to keep S.I.M.O. viable
- 5) made several press releases to ensure the bridge issue does not die
- 6) sent a series of questions relating broadly to the whole bridge issue and specifically to the recent Main Roads Department "Advisory Report" to the Chairman of the Advisory Bodies for the forthcoming E.I.S. on the bridge.

We seek members' criticism of work so far and suggestions for future action. Please address these to the Secretary.

We also need more members. Numbers count in political issues such as the proposed bridge construction. If you care about Stradbroke's future convince your friends to join S.I.M.O.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a public meeting at Amity about the bridge at 2.00 pm, on August 20th 1978. It is hoped to present an audiovisual programme, a short talk. Afternoon tea will be available. Please attend if you can.

Thank you for your support.

Jurek Grodecki,
PRESIDENT.