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Peter Luckham, Chair Trust Council
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To: Chair Luckham and Trustees:

The first reading should not be considered prior to the Governance Review. The consultants for the Governance Review would have an external vision of the situation of the Island Trust. I believe this is of great importance and could help the Trustees in the important decision of the Policy Statement revision.

The Trustees have had a very short time frame to study the Policy Statement 2.0 draft, and the same happens with the public.

One of my main concerns is the section on Freshwater Stewardship Policies.

The protection provided to groundwater is not enough. You must know that water is the paramount resource of the Gulf Islands.

In the current Policy Statement, there is an extremely important policy directive:

-neither the density nor intensity of land use is increased in areas which are known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater.

It should be maintained in the new Policy Statement, with no change of words to weaken the intention of the directive.

This directive is a counterbalance to the applicants for developments that can choose, establish parameters and pay experts for their reports. You could say that the previously mentioned directive is the "lay person directive", meaning tenant and property owners.

- The concept of "**carrying capacity**" and "**cumulative effects**" have been removed through V2.0. They should be reinstated. They are scientific methods for assessing the weight of human activity in the natural environment.

- The Policy Statement Implementation (Policy 1.3.1) should be amended at the same time as the Trust Policy Statement. There should be directives no -negotiable within the Trust Area. Real power for the Implementation of the policies of the Trust Policy Statement is essential.

-Finally, the Islands Trust needs a clear definition of environment. What are the rural "built" environment, urban "built" environment and the natural environment?

There should be no doubt about the Object of the Trust to protect and preserve the "natural environment".

Thank you to all of you,

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