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Premier Horgan
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RE: Island Trust Draft Policy

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing you today to request the BC Government put a complete stop to the Island Trust current draft policy "title of policy" . It seems that this policy is being pushed through with very unreasonable consultative process or due time and consideration for existing long-term landowners of the Islands. There has been no real or visible consultation with property owners of Saturna Island such as myself or my family. In our situation our family have been property owners on Saturna Island for over 45 years. We currently own two properties located on Payne Road, Saturna Island a very short distance from each other both that are waterfront properties, and both are unduly affected by this new draft policy. I want to make it clear that we are not supporting the conditions and restrictions this draft policy is outlining.

We have ownership of one currently undeveloped waterfront lot since 1974 and another waterfront lot with a new home that I built starting in 2005. The home which is now built and I have been working on finish off the final touches to, my dream home, with a dock to travel back and forth by boat. I have been requesting a permit for this dock almost two years at considerable permit and design costs in excess of \$11,000.

It is increasing difficult to travel to Saturna Island using the public system and BC Ferries, requiring two ferries and about five hours of travel for this short distance on packed ferries that only go twice a day from Vancouver requiring reservations that are booked and boats are full many weeks in advance. I have a right to protect my property and belongings and would like to travel at my convenience not that of the packed Ferries. Travel with my own boat which only helps others in their travels, seems reasonable as does a permitted dock.

If there is an emergency on the island or my property waiting for a ferry to get me there a week later, to protect my property, is not a practical answer. The proposed draft policy limits many islanders to that situation. I am happy to share with others so that they can to enjoy what the waters offer, but also, the safety aspects for islanders that can be stranded or cut off from help because of only one road in and out or no ferry service decries the need for independence, this is restricted by the proposals of the draft policy.

Tree management is another issue raised by this policy that seems not well thought out and as proposed leaves the potential for dangerous trees to be left unmanaged till they fall potentially creating damage or injury.

The rushed and almost secret nature of the implementation of this draft policy has caused me personally considerable stress and loss of sleep. I'm sure it has done so for many other island property owners. It will create haves and have-nots which is far from equitable.

The manner in which the Islands Trust Board has produced this sweeping policy and pushed it through in this manner, especially during a pandemic, is egregious. There is much to discuss on the aspects raised in the draft and how it will affect us in the Southern Gulf Islands. I beg of you to immediately halt this process and have the Government provide a fulsome review of what seems to be an abuse of process. This topic and draft this policy needs drastic overhaul and most definitely proper public consultation, as it is today I completely reject it in its entirety.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Tweedy

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