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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: islands Trust Proposed New Policy Statement

Dear Islands Trust Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Islands Trust policy statement document scheduled for first reading on July 8, 2021. I am a fulltime resident of Mayne Island and feel I am fairly well connected with the island community. Yet it was only within the past few weeks that I became aware of the new policy statement document, its contents and implications. The same is true of most people on Mayne Island who I have spoken with. I certainly do not feel I was consulted or was in any way part of the process of creating a long term policy statement that will affect me and my family for generations.

This is my formal request for you to do everything within your power to encourage withdrawal of the proposed policy statement document entirely until there can be an open and inclusive public consultation process and revisions are made in response to such input.. This important document should not move forward to First Reading without the majority of island residents being fully aware and supporting any proposed changes. This is important not only for the success of a new policy statement but for public confidence and the future of the Islands Trust itself

Should it not be possible to withdraw the proposed policy statement document in its entirety prior to voting, I would respectfully request that you vote against it moving forward to First Reading.

Yours truly,

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