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The current Policy Statement (1994/2003) follows the concept of three pillars of sustainable communities "Healthy Communities" where there must be a balance with the environment and the other two pillars; economy and social/cultural. There was a clear understanding of this well-established concept that placing one of the pillars too far above the other pillars upsets the necessary balance for vibrant, livable and resilient communities. The proposed revisions to the Policy Statement (July 15, 2021) places the environment well above the economy and lifestyle necessary for our communities and upsets the balance. This is already happening with the lack of housing action in favour of (unscientific) environmental policies followed being by the Islands Trust.

The provincial government recognizes the importance of this balance by setting policies for "Sustainable and Resilient Communities". <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/local-government-planning/planning-for-sustainability-resilience>

The July 15, 2021 draft Policy Statement uses the title of provincial policy: PART 6: SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES, but the wording in this section does not follow the basic concepts in the provincial policies which clearly keep Economy/Social&Cultural/Environment in balance. Please follow this well-established concept of balance that is necessary for sustainable and healthy communities. Do not further erode the importance balance for our island economies, livelihoods and communities.

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