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Dear Islands Trust Council and LTC Trustees

First, let me thank you for the extended consultation process. It has allowed more local residents to express their views on this important topic. That is what a democracy should be like.

Hopefully, the input provided in this third round of consultation is carefully considered by the Trust Council and substantial changes are made to an onerous 2050 policy statement that result in a less radical "preservation and protection of the Trust Area for the benefit of the residents". (I note that the mandate is for the benefit of residents, not for the benefit of special interest groups, NGOs, and staff, regardless of their good intentions).

Generally, the revised Policy Statement is a mass expansion of the Islands Trusts powers in areas that other forms of government already have jurisdiction. Land use decisions through zoning should remain the main purpose of the preserve and protect mandate. Adding another layer of bureaucracy already covered by other jurisdictions does not benefit the residents, but makes their lives more difficult and expensive.

Specifically, I oppose the banning of private docks in the Trust Area. Many of us on the islands use them for work, education, groceries, and social purposes (even on ferry and road access islands!). Proposing shared or community docks is not feasible in reality, except in situations of new large scale development. In addition, the FLNRO Ministry already deals with this.

Please restore my faith in the Islands Trust, by not only listening, but actually hearing what the residents are saying.

With Respect
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