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Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 5:41 PM
To: Islands2050
Subject: serious concerns about, and opposition to, the draft Trust Policy Statement

Dear Trust Council,

The draft TPS is a shallow and poorly worded document, lacking scientific grounding, and reflecting a highly politicized attempt to enable increased development on the islands while paying only lip service to the Islands Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate.

This draft TPS is a shockingly poor document given the time and public funds spent on its development. I fear that, in its inadequacy, it will fail to guide trustees and communities toward the careful, informed land-use decisions required on our already stressed and fragile islands. Instead, it risks creating confusion, inviting inconsistent interpretation, and fostering unnecessary conflict within island communities.

Sincerely
Julia Nicholls