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**Subject:** Islands Trust Policy Statement 2026

Hello Islands Trust Executive Committee,

As you are aware, the Islands Trust was created in the 1970s by the Barrett-led NDP government in reaction to over-development (Magic Lake Estates) to ensure environmental protection to the islands.

Why would the word 'amenities' be assumed to be things that are associated with development? This makes zero sense.

The Trust Policy Statement should reflect the original intent of the founders of the Trust. The current draft does not emphasize environmental protection - it stresses development.

The protection of the islands from over-development should be paramount in the Trust Policy Statement - the current draft does not reflect the pressing needs in the islands.

Start by defining the 'environment' as 'natural environment' - and make the directives mandatory - otherwise what's the point of this paper?

The islands are currently suffering from the over developmental death of a thousand cuts. The current draft policy statement would be the final knife thrust.

Thanks for taking the time to review my concerns.

- Ben McConchie (Former Trustee, North Pender Island)