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Please see the attached letter.

Thanks very much.

Daphne Louis

January 30, 2026

Honorable Minister Christine Boyle :

I am writing to request that approval NOT be given to 2025 Trust Policy Statement. My reasons are as follows :

The original object of the Islands Trust Act was to preserve and protect the ecological integrity of the Trust Area; its unique amenities and environment. Unique amenities was understood to be the natural features and the environment that supports them. The mandate is to protect fragile ecosystems on a priority basis from the impact of development.

The 2025 Trust Policy Statement has redefined 'unique amenities' to include, but to not be limited to, issues such as housing, livelihoods, infrastructure and tourism.

As the Trust Policy Statement regulates what bylaws and Official Community Plans can be passed for individual islands it is critical that it remain a clear directive to provide protection for fragile ecosystems on a priority basis from the impact of development.

The redefinition and broadening of 'unique amenities' is a highly significant departure. If enacted, protecting the environment of the Trust area would no longer be the top priority and in fact could be interpreted by councils to put the ecological mandate on an equal or even subordinate priority to other issues.

Directives should be mandatory not deliberately vague so that they can be interpreted by individual councils. If a directive is not mandatory the advice in the document could be disregarded.

Protection and preservation of the natural features and environment which supports them is even more critical today than it was in the past. We must have an unequivocal ecological mandate and 2025 Trust Statement Policy does not provide this. 2025 Trust Statement does not carry out the mandate of the Trust.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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