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Subject: Policy Statement

Hello,

I am unable to attend the meetings concerning the Proposed Island Trust Policy Statement.

Could you please forward this attachment to the correct people at Islands Trust.

I would like them to please accept and give consideration to my objections to the Proposed Policy Statement as contained in the attached file.

FW: Policy Statement

To Whom it concerns at Islands Trust,

I failed to fill in the policy statement survey which overwhelmed me with shock, anger and frustration such that I could not succeed. Why? Because...

Policy undermines democracy. It is a roadblock to progress as it bureaucratically prevents movement. And is used to justify disregarding changing thoughts, trends, and needs of the regions, communities and individuals to whom governance has a responsibility to consider in all aspects of their activities from investigation, consideration, through to decision of adoption or denial. Policy allows special interest, opinion and attitudes to matter to the exclusion of differing ones because they will be denied opportunity to contribute and participate with faith and trust they will be given more than lip service. Policy allows councils, elected officials and hired staff to even ignore important legislation and ideals, such as:

- The Constitution of Canada
- The bill of rights and freedoms (Freedom of speech and of being heard)
- International agreements
- Common sense
- Different forms of wisdom and knowledge
- Regulations based on culture, lifestyle, history, independence, and identity of each island or region within the trust (their individual land use by laws).

In conclusion, NO GOVERNING BODY SHOULD HAVE A POLICY STATEMENT!

REQUIREMENT OF ONE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THEREFORE ILLEGALLY ACTING AS A DICTATORSHIP NOT A DEMOCRACY.

If illegally required, I implore it be based on the following statement:

The policy statement of the Islands Trust is that it will conduct all its activities with respect to the intent of all pertinent legislation and choose courses of action with wisdom, integrity and righteousness to serve and protect the regions as intended by the legislation it is authorized to enforce.

Sincerely, S Lauren Bergen