

# BYLAW REFERRAL FORM RESPONSE SUMMARY


- Approval Recommended for Reasons Outlined Below
- Approval Recommended Subject to Conditions Outlined Below
- Interests Unaffected by Bylaw
- Approval Not Recommended Due to Reason Outlined Below

North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Islands Trust Draft Policy Statement.

After reviewing the document, NSSWD is generally supportive, and our response is: Approval Recommended Subject to Conditions Outlined Below

- How utilities, infrastructure, and servicing is considered in the Policy Statement is limited and unclear. There are some references that are focused on other issues, but little guidance is provided on service planning to support land use. As this document will be used to inform Official Community Plans and regulatory bylaws, language should be added to address these important considerations. For example, the current Salt Spring Island OCP lists a dedicated section on infrastructure “Park C – Infrastructure and Servicing Objectives and Policies” which includes many important objectives and policies. It should be recognized that these are significant land use considerations that ensure that the needs of the community are met and also provides improved fiscal planning for communities. It is recommended that Principles and Policies are added to the Draft Policy Statement to address water utility infrastructure and services.
- It is our understanding that the term “freshwater” includes all types of Island water sources including drinking/ community water, but this term is not defined in the Glossary of Terms. It is recommended that the definition of freshwater be provided and or that there should be specific Principles and Policies that consider drinking/potable water.

Islands Trust Area (Islands 2050)  
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October 10, 2025  
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(Date)

TC 183  
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(Bylaw Number)

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North Salt Spring Waterworks District  
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