

**From:** Cara Birkeland [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Islands2050  
**Subject:** Noise, 2050

Dear Sir/Madame,

Noise pollution is a result of over-development that should be taken seriously by the Islands Trust. It has grown to a degree that is alarming, contrary to 'preserve and protect', and started harming residents.

Noise pollution is a growing problem of the future and needs to be addressed in current planning efforts.

There are several areas that should be explored for further action, for example:

- (1) Freighter traffic/anchorages: Expand actions to eliminate;
- (2) Jet traffic: Overflights have increased dramatically before Covid and are likely to continue growing soon again. Are we to become to Victoria what Richmond has become to Vancouver? The Gulf Islands need protection. Restrictions on routes, heights, frequency, and use of howling or whistling engines during descent are needed. Advocacy is required. Early action is needed with Transport Canada, or the problem will become as bad as with freighters. Lack of early advocacy had disastrous consequences.
- (3) Heat pumps: They are great but measures need to be put in place to protect neighbours from excessive noise.
- (4) New sources of noise pollution: Before 2050 many new sources are likely to develop. There needs to be a mechanism for early detection and planning tools available to protect from excessive noise pollution.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Birkeland