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My greatest concern relating to the discussion of Trust Policy Guidelines is the overall "protect and preserve" mission of the Trust. We know much more about the current and future ravages of climate change and are experiencing more development pressure on our islands than were occurring when this mission statement was first adopted. In our mailboxes yesterday, residents received a brochure from the Trust called "Coastal Douglas-fir Forests". This brochure encourages the community to protect forests through Environmental Permit Areas and conservation guidelines in our Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw for a variety of reasons including climate change. Our Trustees and Planner have before them a rezoning application that would require a 2 ha clearcut in a Coastal Douglas-fir Ecosystem for an affordable and market housing development and the bylaws have past first reading with no discussion of our OCP Climate Change Mitigation Bylaws relating to land use decisions or some of the policy directions articulated in Islands 2050 or even the important considerations in this brochure for private landowners that would seem to be inconsistent with this rezoning.

How will Policy Directions 2050 succeed require our Planners and elected officials consider the environment first in land use planning when this is not now occurring?

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