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Dear Members of the Trust Council,

Listening on March 3rd to the webinar Policy Statement 2050, I've realized how essential is that protection of the environment and affordable housing should not work in opposition, as is happening in the Galiano affordable housing application, but in coordination to achieve these important goals.

The affordable housing application has divided Galiano in two camps: Pro-affordable housing, it doesn't matter what and where and Pro-environmental protection, affordable housing is needed but site location is critical.

- The project site is in a Community Forest of 126ha, 4 to 7 hilly kilometers from services and amenities, without public transportation.
- At extremely high wildfire risk for the tenants (the biggest wildfire on the Gulf Islands was the one at this Community Forest on 2006)
- Where species-at-risk live
- A riparian area where 500 meters of road has to be upgraded from dirt road to subdivision standard.
- It is an important recreational area
- It is very close to the biggest subdivision for Galiano with a known problem with the quantity of the supply of freshwater as recorded (2019-2020) in private wells and by the Sticks Allison CRD Community Water System monitoring.

The **site** of the Galiano affordable housing application is a misuse of time, energy, money, resources and has led to much stress and broken friendships. I hope that respecting the environmental considerations, via land use regulations and advocacy, as was discussed at the webinar, will lead to a fruitful and more environmentally sustainable result.

Thank you,  
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Galiano Island resident