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To: Islands2050
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From: Keri Rice [REDACTED]
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To All Islands Trust Representatives,

This email represents our vehement objection and rejection of the proposed New Islands Trust Policy.

We are shocked and dismayed that you would even think to allow this to go through when clearly, only a very small percentage of island residents, to whom you are accountable to, were able to respond.

The new regulatory powers you are seeking seems to be more of a power grab than your 'preserve and protect' mandate.

I find it especially disturbing that one of those powers include outright prohibition of clear-cutting. Seems it's a bit late for Saturna Island, where a large tract of First Nations land was recently clear-cut, causing severe weather-related repercussions due to many exposed trees as a result.

First Nations were entitled and well within their rights to do what they wished on their land. Private land owners on the islands should have the same rights. Regulating tree cutting on private land is outrageous and unacceptable. Does this mean if a landowner needs to take down a leaning tree, to prevent it falling on his house, approval must first be given? Our land is zoned for a second residence of any size. Will we be denied permission to build if trees must first be cleared?

It's unconscionable that you would try to ram this down islanders throats, during a pandemic and without proper face to face consultations. Every island is different, with it's own unique qualities, and each deserves individual consideration. Many questions need to be asked and properly answered at town hall meetings.

You have lost the moral high ground on this project. Be prepared to encounter bitter and relentless opposition to many of the proposed bylaws.

Sincerely,

Keri Rice and William Kafal

Saturna Island residents and land owners since 1988 Sent from my iPhone