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From: don and jean Friesen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
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Dear Trustees,

I am writing to express my concern about the Islands Trust draft Policy Statement, scheduled to have its first reading on July 8, 2021.

When the policy statement review began in the fall of 2019, I understood that what was being undertaken was a general updating of the Island Trust's guiding principles. These would establish how the Local Trust Committees conduct themselves, while allowing each island to maintain its own uniqueness, adapting to the constantly changing needs of each community. The vague questions that were asked of island residents as well as visitors supported this type of policy statement review. But it is evident from closer scrutiny of the draft that many of the proposed changes seem not just unrealistic but would negatively impact island residents with extremely specific restrictions on what they can and cannot do in their local communities.

I acknowledge that there is a process to follow, and that first reading is only the first of several. But the extremity of these proposed changes is alarming. Please postpone the first reading of the draft Policy Statement to allow proper and democratic public consultation.

Sincerely ,

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