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Dear Minister and IT Trustees,

I was quite aware that the Islands Trust was undergoing an Operational Review. Congratulations on this initiative. Every organization really should do major 'navel gazing' at least every 7-10 years. As I have stated in many company overviews, my favourite adage: If you always do what you've always done.....you'll always get what you've always got!

Just this past week, I found out, through an unsigned direct mail piece in my mailbox that there is also a Policy Statement amendment being undertaken.

My concerns about this initiative are:

1. It is appropriate to do a new Policy prior to the implementation of the Operational Review?
2. As someone who attempts to keep abreast of happenings in our municipality (Bowen Island), our Regional District (Metro Vancouver) and our Tourism Region (Vancouver Coast and Mountains) along with the Islands Trust I was surprised to receive the aforementioned direct mail piece outlining a proposed Policy Statement. This was the first time I had any idea this was ongoing.
3. I am concerned that IT proposes that it will ignore the individuality of each of the islands in the Trust! Bowen is so different from Gabriola, from Mayne, from virtually every other island. How can these differences be ignored in the decision making process?
4. Water! We are all surrounded by water....SALT water! With the weather we are experiencing, water is getting to be in perilous quantities. Many of us capture rainwater to use on our gardens, however with Climate Change, the expected rain volume will decrease and the requirement for fresh water irrigation will increase. WHY is the Islands Trust Policy making desalination illegal? Does not make sense to me!

I could go on but I'm sure you are receiving many, much more detailed, missives so I will just close with the **request to PLEASE defer sending this policy to first reading and communicate with us, the members of the Trust, on the Policies, the proposed changes and the rationale behind those suggestions.**

Sincerely,

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