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To: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
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Dear Trustees,

Regarding: Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw, 2021

I am writing to express concern over the Islands Trusts Council Draft Bylaw #183. My wife and I have lived on Mayne Island for the past 10 years. We have lived in 4 provinces and 7 different homes. In no location did we pay higher property taxes in return for fewer services than here in the Gulf Islands. I understand our location impacts the efficiency by which local governance can provide services to its tax payers. With the Islands Trust and our local Improvement district we have two additional layers of government. My focus is on the Islands Trust which is responsible for 14% of our property taxes. Between its responsibilities for land use planning and rezoning a large portion of its costs should be covered by client application fees. My concern is that the Trusts work outside of rezoning is as much about developing and maintaining a bureaucratic structure as it is about providing a service to tax payers.

The Islands Trust Proposed Bylaw Policy is inflated with sensational terms many of which are not relevant to the subject matter. The proposed bylaw seems to suggest the planners can control items such as Climate Change and Deep-Sea Ocean traffic. It places restrictions on property owners from having a private dock, with no objective evidence to support this position. We live on an Island, many Island residents are active boaters. When public or commercial marine facilities are not available a private dock may be the only safe alternative for the tax payer.

The proposed Bylaw Policy Statement extends beyond the intended scope of the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect for the benefit of the residents of the trust area. As an Island resident and tax payer I see the Trust's Draft Bylaw as a substantial change from our current bylaws. Given these changes the decision as to whether it is passed should be made by our Islands Tax Payers.

In the event that the Islands Trust proceeds with the proposed Bylaw, I am asking that the Residents of the Gulf Islands be given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed Policy Statement Bylaw.

Regards,

Carl Bunnin

Mayne Island,
