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Subject: Power Grab- Islands Trust attempt to usurp the power and responsibility of the democratically elected BC Government

Trustees
Here is a copy of my letter to the Minister
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Minister
As the Minister over seeing the activities of the Islands Trust, it is your duty to require the Islands Trust to remove the 1st Reading from their [July 8th](#) agenda.

The blatant attempt by the Islands Trust to expand its mandate to assume new powers not given to it by the BC Legislature is without precedent and will force yet another layer of expensive incompetent bureaucracy on the residents of the Gulf Islands including Bowen Island where I live.

The thought that The Trust, which currently provides zero value to Bowen Island, will insert itself into legislative areas of the Provincial and Federal governments at great cost to all residents, is a Kafka-like nightmare. The feeble public process conducted by the Islands Trust says it all. The Islands Trust is not interested in democracy but rather expanding its power and taxing authority for the benefit of the bureaucrats NOT the citizens in the Islands Trust area.

We need healthcare on Bowen Island not more ineffective expensive bureaucracy dabbling in Federal and Provincial areas of responsibility.

I urge you in your capacity as the prevailing Minister to require the Islands Trust to the remove the 1st Reading from their [July 8th](#) agenda so they can more properly attend to their currently ineffective role as stewards of the Islands.

I look forward to learning that you have removed the First Reading power grab from the [July 8th](#) Islands Trust Agenda.

Respectfully

Haig Farris OC

Sent from my iPhone