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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my disagreement with many aspects of the new Islands Trust Policy document, and the fact that I feel the First Reading on July 8th is too rushed, but that is a moot point at this stage. I have heard several trustees say that there has been ample consultation since 2019. I have also been told if people want to be informed they can follow the Islands Trust website. I know of no one who received a letter outlining the Trust proposals.

I know many seniors who do not have internet and they have been left out. Two of my neighbors just don't have a computer. They were unable to follow any of the proceedings. The survey, in my opinion, was very misleading. It was onerous and confusing, and I felt it was designed to give the Trust the answers they wanted.

"The object [mandate] of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia."

I keep reading about preserve and protect. I am hard pressed to find any information in this policy that mentions how this goes hand in hand with the benefits of residents. From what I have read in complaints, many residents are not feeling there is a balance between the environment and human habitation.

I cannot even begin to touch on each of the following as I am understanding them. Many do not seem practical from a habitation and from a safety perspective.

Another island resident quoted her understanding of the policy proposal which is also my understanding of the document.

- "- Removal of residents, local economy and community health and well-being as planning considerations on the Islands.
- Removal of agriculture and forestry as traditional and valuable activities on the Islands.
- Prohibition of private docks except for water access only properties.
- A ban on desalination as a means of providing potable water. (most likely home sized)

- Potential rezoning of private property into a new category, including existing residential and commercial.
- New declaration of culturally significant sites including, but not limited to existing private property.
- New assessment of all short term vacation rentals and tighter regulation or complete elimination in certain 'high density areas'.
- Complete authority in any residential or commercial development, including limiting floor square footage.
- Restriction and regulation on farming practices, as well as ownership of all soil, mineral, and water rights.
- Potential rerouting of roads, pathways, and bike lanes if they interfere with culturally significant sites.
- Prohibition to disturb or remove any existing wetlands, including those found on agricultural properties.
- Right to protect unfragmented forest ecosystems (vaguely defined) against damage done by growth, development or land use.
- Right to regulate tree cutting of any kind within the Trust area.
- Prohibition of the construction of any hard shoreline armouring, irrespective of erosion.
- Bylaws that promote 'low-carbon' housing, buildings, transportation & agriculture (will this eventually prohibit wood burning stoves because of carbon emissions?)
- Prohibition of moorage or anchorage in certain areas."
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There needs to be a lot more discussion on each point with all stakeholders informed. A few people are making policies and yet the decisions affect thousands of residents. These thousands of residents all need the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,  
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