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To: Islands2050
Subject: Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw No. 83

Dear Islands Trust Council,

I am a resident of Bowen Island. Please accept this as a letter of support for you to go ahead with the first reading of this Bylaw.

I understand that there has been a very organized campaign pushing you to delay first reading, but I would urge you to consider first and foremost what is best for the islands themselves. With all due respect to the "opposition group" many of the comments seem to focus on private property rights at the expense of all else. That is not what the Islands Trust is about.

I am concerned about the pace of development, and the growth in tourism within the Trust and the effect that will have on our fragile island ecosystems. I support the policy statements contained in the bylaw, as they reflect the fundamental importance of ecosystem protection and seek to introduce reasonable limits on the growth that would harm the environment.

I also think that environmental stewardship should be the over-riding factor in decision-making across the Islands Trust, while still leaving room for autonomous decision-making within the diverse islands that make up the Trust.

Those who wish to suggest amendments to the bylaw for you to consider will have plenty of time to do so once first reading has been given.

Tourism is only growing, especially with the pandemic restrictions being lifted and more tourists arriving than ever before. There is an urgent need for this Bylaw and I would urge you NOT to delay first reading.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours Truly,
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