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You've asked, I've been heckled by a friend, so reluctantly I offer these words.

First, and typical of a crucifying message, I applaud the efforts of Trust Council and our LA reps. I'm from Mayne, and I'm generally happy with how the legislation is being interpreted. Hats off to Peter Lucknow and advisors on a luckless and thankless mission.

I'll be dead, or hope to be, by 2050. That would mark 100 years on the planet for me, and I'm pretty sure with the genes I inherited, I'd be crazy and a waste. So, what I have to offer can be taken with a pinch of salt.

In a plan for the future, one must anticipate the mindset of those who will be around. Unfortunately, in this world of maximum capitalism, honourable principle is losing ground. The principle I stand for is conservation. Joni Mitchell's song comes to mind: "You take paradise and put up a parking lot". We've managed to sort of protect the islands from that 1960's theme. I want to see that continue.

One recommendation about desalination struck me on the proposed review. Maybe in an aside, someone can explain the science? I'm guessing massive power draw and concentration of chemicals leaking into the substrate, but what do I know. Is it smart to deny technology advances outright?

Something that bugs me, and brackets my home, is unrestrained massive cash-infused dream homes where construction never ends. Anything anybody can do about that? I expect the insidious thin edge of rezoning anytime now, from residential to guest facility. I hope there's enough teeth in whatever regulation exists to defeat this covert method of commercialization. Wouldn't want this to become a norm.

On the topic of current regulation, I would hope to see an expansion of the bylaw enforcement programs on noise and STVRs. Enough said.

I like the idea of calling climate emergency. On that, plan for massive island fires, and prepare. Plan for rising water levels, and legislation advancing splash zone up the banks as it occurs. Plan for legislation allowing rainwater capture in spite of CRD restrictions.

In terms of reconciliation, noting the abundance of indigenous citizens in the region, I say yes to recognizing and enhancing governance involvement, however long it may take. We're in the beginning, and I understand that as allies, we need to find more efficient ways of streamlining decision making, but the intent must be stated before the action occurs. However, I am not in favour of giving back land, if that comes up. We communally arrived at this stage, and detooling would be heartbreaking for all, in my opinion. On Mayne, a large section of the island is reserve.

While I'm not in favour of more regulation, I'm also not in favour of more population where I live. I came here for the peace, not to watch new arrivals re-shape the place into Disneyland North. Ban SeaDoos. Strengthen fishing regulations in cooperation with other governments. Stop vigilantism.

For the debate, and good luck today. Grit your teeth.

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Sent from my iPad