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As a full-time resident of North Pender Island I have a few comments to make regarding the Islands Trust Policy Review currently underway.

I understand that the Trust's mandate is to protect and preserve our island environment. I also understand that this means limiting residential and commercial development.

However, as our cities become more and more expensive and unlivable, I think we also need to make room for more residents here. I'm fine with limiting the size of houses and controlling subdivision of larger properties, but I really think we need to permit the development of at least some affordable housing for the people that work in our stores and provide other services. Already businesses are closing or reducing their hours because they can't find enough people to work for them. This is only going to get worse.

I actually don't think Pender Island should be marketed as a tourist destination. I'm not advocating the development of tourism infrastructure.

One of my primary concerns on this island is the safety of our roads, especially for pedestrians or cyclists. People should be encouraged to walk or cycle but many are afraid to due to the lack of bike lanes. I think developing bike lanes -- or at least pull-outs -- on our main routes should be a priority.

I'm happy to see that consultation with First Nations is being prioritized. I think we should go one step further in this regard and return our island to the name it was known by long before Europeans arrived: S'dayes.

If the Trust can limit the number of trees cut down on private property then I think they should. It makes me sick to see newcomers cut down every tree on their property.

The climate crisis has been a major concern of mine for many years. I think the Trust should do everything in its power to prepare us and our island for inevitable fire and drought.

I am concerned by the suggestion that decisions and policies could become regional (all Gulf Islands) and not locally (Pender Island) directed. Each island is unique and should be governed as such.

Thank you for undertaking this review and for your hard work as a Trustee.

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