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Hi all

I am a long time penderite and I have many issues with the direction the Islands Trust is taking. I am the third generation of my family to live on South Pender. I have literally spent my entire life coming to the Penders and hearing the old stories of settler life from my Mother and Grandfather. My love for these islands and its history runs very deep in my heart.

I have grave concerns about the direction the Islands Trust is taking. The Islands Trust seems to be taking a very liberal and misguided interpretation of its mandate to "preserve and protect the rural nature of the Southern Gulf Islands". I do not feel as if the desires of the residents and landowners are being listened to or even considered.

I personally do not think there is a need to increase the setbacks for new builds. No one builds right at the setbacks if they have other options. The Islands Trust should not have any say on building design or siting as long as the building follows the current setbacks. The "Rights of Nature" policy is really a vague "feel good" title that should be discarded.

I also feel the current maximum house size limitations are adequate as they currently are. There is no need to revisit them at this time.

Why is there a need to look at shipping container storage? This seems to be really over reaching by the Trustees and the Islands Trust.

Beach access is something that needs to be left alone as well. If a person has waterfront and they cannot safely access it by using stairs they are creating a hazard for themselves and their guests. This is very important for our aging residents. In effect their property really becomes "water view" rather than waterfront if they cannot access it safely.

The whole permits for cutting trees on your own property is just a knee jerk reaction to a few people clearing their property. This permit for cutting trees idea should be discarded until it is really thought about and discussed in the community by the residents.

Before any changes are made we should really have a referendum to ensure that most of the residents and landowners have a chance to make their wishes known. As it is now only a small sampling of residents are contacted and know about what is going on.

To be clear I do not support the direction the Islands Trust is taking and I would expect my Trustees Steve Wright and Cameron Thorn to voice my concerns and those of the other residents opposed to the "over reaching" tactics of the Islands Trust. The Islands Trust should

serve the residents of the Southern Gulf Islands. The residents should not serve the Islands Trust.

Regards

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