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Subject: Non-Support for the Revised Policy Statement

We are long time residents of Saturna Island. We do not support the revisions to the Policy Statement and request that the entire process be restarted.

The present revision is skewed towards environmental issues and totally ignores the existence of island communities and their economies. The attempt to address environmental issues is misguided and does not align with the current science relating to effective forest-management. True forest management should address the serious issues of fire-suppression and the steadily growing potential for catastrophic wildfires.

We participated in the original 2019 public engagement that formed the basis of the revision. With no further engagement, we were surprised to see that the limited questions in the 2019 survey had been used as an excuse to totally overhaul the existing Policy Statement. That process has not been transparent.

Any future rework should be based on a fresh stage 1 and 2 engagement and this time the IT should listen to feedback from the community and act upon it. We request that this current policy review should not proceed to first reading before the October 15th 2022 election.

Regards,

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