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To: Islands2050; Steve Wright; Cameron Thorn
Subject: IT Policy Statement draft

Hi there,

I am a full time resident of South Pender and I wholeheartedly disagree with the policy statement as it is currently written. Some, but not all of my concerns are listed below in no particular order.

The original mandate has been altered significantly to remove the existing protection and rights of the residents.

Heavy use of the word "shall" in particular. This is a legally binding statement, with courts holding you to the letter of the statement. This is not appropriate in the great majority of times it has been used in this document.

The community engagement, other than asking us to write letters, has been non-existent. When are we to have our townhalls to have in-depth discussions on each change? Trustees have advised they won't call meetings on this topic until the next revision comes out, at which point it will be too late as there won't be enough time to discuss each change in depth as it should be dealt with.

The newly proposed timeline is ridiculously rushed. How can the (very expensive) consulting company pull together its report in 10 days once the community engagement period is over? Or is it because there have been no townhall meetings to actually speak and engage with the communities as requested in Sept 2021?

The new policy statement will override our OCPs that we have spent decades working on that truly reflect our individual islands needs. This is not acceptable.

Banning desalination is not acceptable. In islands where water is a scarce commodity, waterfront lots are starting to experience salt water ingress into their wells. We need, not want, this solution. The excuse that is a power concern is not valid with today's technology.

Banning new private docks is also not supported this needs to change back. These are government regulated with a thorough process. We live on islands where at any time we can become water access only. Look at the South Pender dip as an example.

I expected and request, that the islands be granted their request for full community engagement in rewriting the policy statement as it is not a simple revision as originally claimed, but a wholesale rewrite. As before, when the policy statement went through its previous revisions, let the community have its say on each of the changes. This will require years, not months, to accomplish.

There is so much more. There is so much wrong with this policy statement that is going to have significant effects on our ability to live and work on these islands. Please hear us and engage with us as we have been begging you to do.

Sincerely,
Kristina.

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