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Hello,

As a resident on Pender Island for the last 15 years with a family history of 3 generations on Pender, I am asking the Islands Trust to not seek an increase its mandate or scope as proposed in the Draft Policy statement

We already have enough government with Federal, Provincial, CRD and the Islands Trust with it's specific mandate of Land use bylaw. To expand the Islands Trust scope into climate change, transportation, housing, indigenous rights etc is simply an over reaching duplication of areas already served by other government levels.

Expanding the scope will result in major budget increases with little result. Its ok to coordinate with other levels of government to support and consider climate change, transportation etc within the context of land use bylaws but not ok to seek to manage these global and country wide issues.

We also oppose the Islands Trust continuing to manage from outside the communities it claims to represent. Staff should have their homes and work areas located within the SGI's. If you do not live and work here you cannot expect to understand living on the SGI's and staff will never know how communities really interact with the environment and transportation systems. Thus to see a proposed increase in staff who do not understand or live in the area they seek to manage is offensive.

We request the draft policy be periodically updated but not increase mandate or scope. Focus on doing your job well now vs seeking to expand scope.

Sincerely

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