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First of all I suggest that staff should read "Rural Environment Planning" by Fredrick o Sargent 1967 before your 2050 plans proceed. You might gain some appreciation for talking to the public instead of talking at them. While you and your consultants may think you have the answers to how the future of the islands should unfold they mainly represent what this government legislates and not necessarily what the residents want.

The most recent actions by you and the province to push some of the most important legislation impacting the public with out public hearings and hiding under the use of virtual presentation is unacceptable. Contact with the public face to face is vital and owners off island may view virtual contact is acceptable. The OCP was designed to provide a guide for 5 years not 28 years.

It is more important to get the 5 levels of government on board as many have a different views of how for example the surrounding water should be used. The Federal government thinks its okay to use water adjacent settled areas and prime habitat for industrial use and parking lot for hundreds of freighters. The province needs to require the forest industry at least remove the useable logs and come up with a plan to remove debris. The Regional District needs to get involved and prepare bylaws to implement regulations that protect the environment that is now under Island Trust. The Island Trust should turn over all permitting issues to the Regional District as it has bone fide elected officials which can be held accountable. A great deal of clarity is required on what reconciliation is expected such that a person with a deed of land on unceded land knows their responsibility to indigenous persons or people.

Before we put the cart before the horse what if any support will there be to get the federal government to curtail freighter parking in the Salish Sea. What action can we expect see that will prevent the continuation of log deposits drifting causing erosion of the fore shores. With regards to Affordable Housing. While we all see the need for housing but is it suitable to have such housing on an island that has no water system, no sewage system, less than reliable electrical, no medical and limited job opportunities. With the many restrictions on land holders as it is there is few options available to increase density. Thankfully our fire and emergency system has been able to provide full service to the existing residents. All of these items above

need full discussion in an open public hearing as its clear they are not being advanced by our representatives.

Respectfully submitted by ken stinson [REDACTED] march 27 2022

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