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Cc: Steve Wright; Ben McConchie; Deb Morrison; Laura Patrick; Cameron Thorn
Subject: Trust mandate and 2050 Policy Statement

Dear Trustees and Planners, who are working on the Islands 2050 revamping of Trust Policy,

I am concerned that escalating land values, influx of wealth, increasing pressure for land development activities, and the attitude of 'individual rights over all else', will slowly or quickly erode the qualities of Nature in these lands that the Islands Trust is meant to preserve and protect. If we do not unfurl our sails directly into this wind and see with clear vision, we stand to lose the unique qualities of this area. That means a loss for everyone - residents, visitors, and the world. We are safe-guarding a precious ecosystem that is at risk; the planet would thank us for having the vision to protect the diversity of this Place.

The Islands Trust is in a position to manifest this vision! My personal preference would be for this vision to apply to **all the islands** in the Trust area.

If this is deemed impossible, I would like to express my support for option 2: holding the course on a Trust Policy Statement that will **support islands that are collectively trying to foster ecological and climate resilience, and living with a softer ecological footprint**. This requires that trustees not weaken in the face of demands from property owners who feel their rights to undertake any action on their land should exist unfettered. The Islands Trust should, at the very least, support those islands that are actively aspiring toward the above values. Support means not standing in their way, or trying to downgrade their efforts.

Thank you,

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