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TRUST Policy for 2050

To: Islands Trust Council,

I am writing concerning Bryan Young's opinion article in the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Gulf Islands Driftwood, entitled "Don't exclude communities in policy update"

I was a new voter in the 1970's and supported many of Premier Dave Barrett's Visionary policies, in particular the formation of The Islands Trust concerning The Gulf Islands which were under great threat of over development at the time and continue to be to this day.

I moved to Salt Spring Island in 1983, helped build a home, raising a family as a self-employed small business owner and over the years have volunteered many hours in our community and also in supporting the original philosophy of The Islands Trust in preserving and protecting the unique ecology of Salt Spring Island.

We are surrounded by the 3 growing cities of Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle, plus a rapidly developing Vancouver Island and if the Islands Trust continues to bend to pressure from development oriented groups under the guise of "right sized, appropriately located housing,...." who seek to upzone densities and thus increase Island population much past the original planned zoning, ultimately this will have a considerable negative effect on our native ecosystems and we will end up looking like the rest of urban Vancouver Island and The Mainland. Many of his criticisms are not fact based let alone practical and he continues to place unlimited human needs far ahead of the increasing fragility of the natural environment of our Islands.

I support Jennifer Margison's viewpoint in the same Driftwood who stated, that without strong protective legislation by Island Trustees,

ecosystems are (and I have seen that  
happen many times, here on Salt Spring)  
defenseless against human pressure and  
relentless encroachment.

Yours Sincerely,  
Juliette G. Laine

