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Subject: Disagree with the process and substance of Revised Policy Statement

Subject: Non-Support for the Revised Policy Statement

We are longtime property owners on Saturna Island. We do not support the revisions to the Policy Statement. The entire process should be reconsidered.

Much effort went into drafting the original Policy Statement, it is comprehensive and still fit-for-purpose today, in our view. The revision is poorly crafted, narrow and skewed towards environmental issues. It totally ignores the existence of island communities and their economies.

We believed the premise for revision was to update the original with respect to only 3 issues, climate change, First Nation engagement/reconciliation and affordable housing. The end result was a document almost unreadable and packed with meaningless repetition and totally failing to address the 3 core issues. Disappointingly it had added a number of community restrictive bylaws – banning docks, desalination and including a tree cutting permit system. I have concerns these restrictions will destabilize our island economies by reducing the priority on island livelihoods.

We cannot see how the revision could be the basis for ISL's stage 3 public engagement plan. The document is more an entire rewrite - community feedback did not suggest or contemplate this. Any rework should be based on a fresh stage 1 and 2 engagement and this time the IT should listen to the feedback. Given the timescale for a thorough rework we respectfully request this policy review should not proceed to first reading before the October 15th 2022 election.

Sincerely

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