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**Subject:** Draft Policy - Island Trust

ATTENTION: Peter Grove, Laura Patrick, Peter Luckham

Re: Draft Policy Proposed by Island Trust

**By this letter, I would like it clearly understood that as a tax paying, property owner, permanent resident of Salt Spring Island, I adamantly oppose the 'Draft of the New Policy Statement ' proposed by the Islands Trust.**

It has been suggested that this should be delayed until after the next election which I fully support for to have attempted to ram this important legislation through in the midst of our current pandemic, when so many are in various forms of survival mode for so many different reasons and without even initial consideration of proper public engagement is completely without conscience on the part of the trust. What are we to think now when we consider the word 'Trust', so much has been lost.

I ask myself, 'Preserve and Protect'....what and for whom. The very idea that as a landowner, I could be in a position where I have to seek approval from a trust committee to remove a single tree on my property that I worked hard to procure and spend plenty to maintain, a tree that may put my house or family in harms way, or help heat my house, is a gross overreach of authority. Clearly Salt Spring Residents respect and care deeply for the environment, this is why we choose to live here. We do not need Island Trust authoritative restrictive enforcement to dictate how we live on our land. And this addresses only one of the many concerns I have with the proposed new Policy Statement.

It would appear that all levels of government now, from Federal to Provincial to Local, are grossly confused as to who is working for who. In the name of Freedom and Democracy, I say: **'STOP THE PROPOSED DRAFT OF THE NEW POLICY STATEMENT OF THE ISLAND TRUST.... NOW!'**

Respectfully yours  
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