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Subject: Proposed Revision of the Islands Trust Policy Statement

Good afternoon,

I have been coming to Pender Island regularly since 1954. My grandparents and parents owned property on North Pender since the 1950s, and many of my best memories are of times on Pender. My parents lived full time on Pender for 25 years, and were active in the community, setting up the first Optometric practice on the island, and donating two logs that are support beams in the community centre.

My wife Gillian and I own property in Otter Bay, and come to the island regularly to enjoy the beauty of the island. We actively support the local businesses on Pender.

Our families have been great stewards of our property, proactively protecting the environment.

We have thoroughly read the draft Islands Trust Policy Statement and *vigorously object* to the changes proposed. In summary, sustainability can only be achieved with a harmonious balance between social, economic and environmental factors. The draft policy statement uses a United Nations definition of Sustainability on page 15, but fails to mention other key United Nations initiatives such as the United Nations Economic and Social Council which "operates at the centre of the UN system's work on all three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental".

The Trust Council proposes a "shift towards a less human-centric and less settler-centric planning paradigm", and has instead intensely hyper-focused on the environment and reconciliation in a "holy quest", ignoring the other two pillars of sustainability (social and economic) without which the current plan will only create division and fail. The current proposal goes to extremes. The needs of the community (those residing on Pender Island and those visiting) and the needs of the island economy must be in balance with environmental concerns. All three need equal priority.

This is an island where people live, work and recreate. The people and the local economy can not be ignored.

The model proposed in the draft Policy Statement is not in itself sustainable, having gone to extremes and having ignored the other two key priorities.

This proposal and the Guiding Principles, Commitments and Directive Policies as outlined will allow a small group of people to arbitrarily make decisions to stop even reasonable, environmentally sound development. There need to be guarantees that those property owners, who have cared for their land for generations, will still be allowed to build and maintain environmentally considered housing where and as current zoning permits. You can not just take away rights that people currently have, and have counted on for many years.

There are many ways to protect the character of the island, indigenous cultural heritage, and the environment without such a draconian proposal.

With best regards,

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