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Chair and Trustees
Denman Island Local Trust Committee Islands Trust

Re 3Ravens Land Share project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 3Ravens Land Share project. I oppose this project at this location.

I have read the public comment letters filed here and am particularly struck by the thoughtful letters of immediate neighbours to the project, who voice many valid concerns.

What I do want to add is that I know some of these neighbours personally and they contribute so much to Denman community life. It breaks my heart to hear that the peace and security of the life they have worked hard to cultivate at home, is threatened. Their peace and security issues are not minor in their remote neighbourhood and include concerns about fire, dust, water, noise, and management of human waste compost.

In my opinion, we should be standing beside these immediate neighbours, as they are people who are rooted in our community and who add so much to the broader life on Denman. They deserve our respect and consideration. You may know them already, but I am happy to list or attest to all that they contribute, if needed. A couple of them have indicated they may move off the island if this goes ahead.

I know that the project applicants have a dream as well, as do others who want to buy into the land share and need secure housing. Could those dreams not be honoured at another location? Wouldn't it make more sense for the applicants to sell where they are and invest in property closer to town and services? There are many letters filed here by people who positively endorse the land share project so perhaps the applicants could relocate and purchase property next to others of like mind, who are very positive about the idea?

The applicants have stated consensus as a core value for those living in the 3Ravens Land Share. As has been stated elsewhere, it is hard to fathom that this would start with no consensus with immediate neighbours.

Sincerely,
Sussan Thomson