



To: Denman Island Planners and Trustees

From: Denman Community Housing Society (DCHS)

Re: 3Ravens Land Share Affordable Housing Co-Operative Application

We have met with the owners of the 3Ravens property (Paul Weyer and Tara Parkinson) on several occasions, have toured the property with them, and understand their proposed concept for affordable housing. We are writing to indicate our support for the 3Ravens affordable housing application.

As you know, there is a great need for affordable housing on Denman Island. This has been clearly documented through several studies over the last 15 years, and most recently through the work of the Denman Housing Advisory Planning Commission (HAPC) in 2023. The 3Ravens initiative will not negate the need for other housing initiatives on the island; the demand is much greater than the supply.

There are many affordable housing models, some of which have previously been used on Denman Island, as well as new initiatives like those that DCHS is developing. The 3Ravens development is an interesting adaptation of the Coho Landing affordable housing model and we believe that it is well suited for a segment of the population in need of secure housing on the island. We need a range of alternatives.

We reiterate our support for a range of affordable housing alternatives, and the 3Ravens project in particular.

Sincerely,

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