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Subject: RE zones left out of the Farm Plan

Dear Denman Island Trustees,

While reviewing the Farming Regulation Review Project, I couldn't help notice that there was no mention of RE- Resource zones. Between Chrisman Rd. and Gladstone Way, 3 of these residential properties are being actively farmed.

What is the definition of RE zones, what is their purpose and if they aren't in the ALR and not included in the Farm Plan, what are the regulations?

One of the farms borders Chrisman Rd. which is a small, acre lot subdivision and unfortunately is causing issues for neighbours due to the smell from dozens of turkeys being kept near the property line and possible water table contamination.

After heavy November rains one winter, we experienced a confirmed E. coli contamination of our well and resulting sickness of family members. Once we installed a UV filter, our well was usable once again.

Our well is downstream from this farm and directly across the street is a garden that uses animal manure and has a seasonal stream which flows close by our well. Either or both of these sources could explain the source of the E. coli contamination. Our elderly neighbour (who has multiple, serious health concerns) also has a well downstream from these properties, which is concerning.

I cannot stress how important it is to consider the impact of farms on water sources on Denman Island and should be the #1 issue before going forward with this Farm Plan revision. The "direction" in the Engagement Summary Report states that Setbacks from Watercourses should be revisited "*when the Denman Island Land Use Bylaw is updated and revised*" but from my own personal experiences, protecting water sources from contamination (that 78% of respondents were also concerned about) needs to be made a priority before moving forward with the Farm Plan Revision.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to a reply,

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