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Subject: Islands Trust Gabriola [REDACTED]

Hi ladies,

I wanted to drop you a line to point out how far you are out of your lane. Just in case you need to be reminded, which apparently you do, this is the purpose of the Islands Trust....

" The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia."

Following that statement I can understand where the idea of creating an ecologically sensitive waterfront buffer in some areas of the island might make sense.

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[REDACTED] Where in your mandate does it state that you're to accommodate illegal housing demand? Your rules block development of legitimate projects due to your land use rules, I've seen it first hand, projects that can't get approval. Yet if there are illegal structures with zero legitimate septic systems, garbage disposal and fire safety concerns in place that seems fine?

Not to mention that by looking the other way on illegal structures you've basically thrown density limits out the window. Are you going to in the future tell people that where they've been living is no longer allowed after they've been there 10 or 20 years under your moratorium?

You've lost all credibility because now you've created these policies that are one sided, out of alignment with your mandate and clearly based on your own personal ideals.

If you want to get back in alignment with your true mandate and pursue this buffer zone then you need to deal with your [REDACTED] on these other policies first. There's an election coming and [REDACTED] don't get re-elected.

Regards,
Devlin Semmler