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Subject: DPA Feedback

Hi,

Thanks for the ability to provide feedback. Overall I'm in favour of considering environmental protections but I was sad to see the form asking leading questions and very little opportunity to provide feedback and only a few text boxes truncating any attempt at providing content.

Here are my main concerns. I'm happy to jump on a call and elaborate.

I don't think the DPA acknowledges the needs of local communities that are dependent on marine access:

- 1. Explicitly recognize boat-access-only communities and their dependence on docks, wharves and associated access infrastructure.
- 2. Create an exemption or more permissive guideline for repair, reconstruction and replacement of existing legal docks, including modernization for safety, climate resilience and code requirements, not merely maintenance within exactly the existing footprint.
- 3. Clarify that the 35 m² / small pleasure craft restrictions aren't intended to impair docks providing essential transportation access or shared/community access.
- 4. Expand the road exemption so reasonable safety, drainage, emergency-access and resilience improvements to existing community roads don't inadvertently trigger onerous permitting.
- 5. Explicitly recognize that steep, rocky, historically developed island properties may have no practical alternative building envelope outside the 30 m DPA, and ensure this doesn't create an effective prohibition on reasonable residential development.
- 5. Add a general principle that the DPA should not result in loss of reasonable access to an existing legal parcel, including marine access where marine transportation is the primary means of access.

I don't think this is unreasonable.

Kind regards,

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