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Subject: Keats Island Proposed Bylaws

Dear Dan and The Islands Trust,

I have been a resident of Keats Island for 30 years. For the record I would like to strongly voice my opposition to the proposed bylaws. Where is the environmental report and geological survey specific to Keats Island?

The proposed bylaws would lead to relentless destruction of the environment in the area 15-45 meters from the natural ocean boundary. The majority of waterfront properties have been developed. They have current building sites and/or foundations between 7-15 meters of the natural ocean boundary. Many trees and natural areas would be destroyed to make way for new foundations under the proposal. Earth will be excavated and retained. Old foundations between 7-15 meters would stay cleared of natural vegetation to maintain ocean views.

Many waterfront properties were not created with this proposed foreshore setback in mind. Is the Islands trust really going to destroy the use of all these lots? The bylaws would effectively be stealing land and huge amounts of value away from residents. Many of these properties would be rendered useless. The bylaws would make them undevelopable. Stealing land away from families who have enjoyed them for generations is a terrible concept. Many homes are reaching considerable age and may require to be rebuilt in the not so distant future, and what about in the instance a house was lost due to fire or natural disaster? The Islands Trust should be promoting legal and safe construction, not encouraging illegal construction and renovations. Not only will

this proposal slowly destroy the environment but it will also immediately destroy property values.

Sincerely,

Tom Parker