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To whom this may concern Feb 28,2023

I am writing to express my Support for the Carey's Dock in Scotty Bay, Lasqueti Island. I have watched this project since its infancy. Because there is such a shortage of secure protected dock space on this island I can't say enough about the importance of having this dock at that location.

I remember when I first started coming to Lasqueti Island by sailboat. The charts indicated that there was a public access in Scotty Bay at the end of the road that passes by the Livingston residents. Today on the charts that access no longer exists. In fact there appears to be no public access in Scotty Bay whatsoever! As this is the only sheltered Bay with deep water access on the North East side of the island it seems ridiculous for so many reasons. People say "just use the Lasqueti Fish Company Dock", but that is PRIVATE PROPERTY! In no way is it right for people to think that just because it exists in that location that they should be allowed to use it; just like any other PRIVATE PROPERTY on the island. LFCo. is running a business there and no one should be TRESPASSING with or without the owner's "permission" as the legal liability for them must be huge. I have witnessed a number of people take advantage of LFCo. in this manner and I have heard of a few who have been hurt by falling on a slippery dock. From the history I know, and their continued actions, LFCo. has been a huge asset to Lasqueti Island Residents ie. providing rubbish removal, employment, food and all kinds of other Philanthropic actions. Thus taking advantage of them, as with anyone, only makes them bitter.

Before building, Aslan recognized the contentious issue of lack of Public Access on the North East side of Lasqueti and realised that he could help the community, to a certain

extent, by building his own dock and allowing it to be used for certain public interests. *By no means am I intoning that his is a public dock.* But given the situation he has been shown to oblige. To the community's benefit, Aslan is the perfect applicant for this kind of project given his personal history and love for the island, his professional experience and financial wherewithal to follow all of the needed criteria to make this project ecologically friendly.

I personally know that he made every possible effort to make sure that the planning and execution of the build for this dock would protect both the foreshore and the tidal waters.

Unlike some of the past projects attempted and failed within the bay; this project has been well thought out, will have minimal impact on the environment and will benefit the community of Lasqueti Island. Therefore I fully support the Carey's Dock Project in Scotty Bay.

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