

**From:** john rich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:54 PM  
**To:** Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee  
**Cc:** Stephen Baugh; Tobi Elliott; Timothy Peterson; Mikaila Lironi  
**Subject:** Application LA-RZ-2023.1-LTC

Lasqueti Trust Committee:

Please accept this submission in respect of Application LA-RZ-2023.1-LTC, seeking approval of an unlawful dock in Scottie Bay, which I understand will be considered at the trust committee meeting March 4, 2024.

My wife and I are recreational property owners on Lasqueti, having decided to purchase in this pristine area over 30 years ago. Our primary motivation for purchasing was our concern respecting overdevelopment of the waterfront which we observed elsewhere on the coast.

I am opposed to the application. I have read the relevant staff report, and I am in full agreement with the reasoning and recommendation in the report.

There are numerous reasons for my opposition to the application, most of which are dealt with in the report, however, I will address two in particular.

#### PRECEDENT

To prove this application would set a terrible precedent. There are no special circumstances involved with this application. The applicant has chosen, for his own convenience, to build a dock and trespass on crown land in contravention of the Lasqueti zoning bylaw. If his action is condoned, it is only fair that similar actions on the part of others should also be condoned. Consequently, selfish and self interested people benefit, to the detriment of the public interest.

#### EFFECTIVE PRIVATIZATION

Again, if the applicant can have a dock where there are no special circumstances, excepting his willingness to defy the law, then it is reasonable that all other waterfront owners can do the same. This is likely inappropriate for environmental and aesthetic reasons, but it also has significant social consequences. Docks take up public spaces, otherwise available to members of the community and transient boaters. Initially, the impact is slight, but as the docks proliferate, the former welcoming public space is effectively privatized. Anyone familiar with the coast can point out dozens of places this has happened over the last 40 years.

I urge you to reject this application in the public interest.

John Rich