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Dear Trustees and Island Trust staff,

The most important value to me, regarding the difficult issue of whether or not to do anything about the feral sheep on Lasqueti Island, is the health of the ecosystem. I would rather the sheep weren't here, as they eat and deplete so much of the native flora where they roam. I'm concerned that, ultimately, they are not good for the health of the forest here.

I know the issue is a difficult one to resolve, as a proportion of the human population here have strong affection for the sheep. The lambs, especially are very lovable, and I believe the sheep are sentient beings. It would be ideal, to me, if some sheep farmer could be found off-island who would accept them, but I realize that may well be a far-out fantasy. If that wasn't feasible, I would be in favour of a program to cull the sheep. Decreasing the numbers. It would have to happen periodically, as their numbers would increase again. I suppose a sterilization program would be too difficult and expensive. (Sad too to have sheep around but no lambs.) But something to consider if it was feasible.

Yours sincerely,
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