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Subject: Regarding Bill 530

Dear Trustees,

I am writing again to reiterate my deep concern about the possibility of untoward consequences of adopting Bylaw 530.

I do understand the critical lack of housing for the poorly and under-housed as well as a dearth of affordable living spaces for the islands workforce, Pressure to be seen to be doing something about it is understandable,

I do not think this bylaw can make any substantive difference and if implemented, may well cause a certain degree of "mission creep",

As a focus group member in the last OCP review, the idea of growth was to concentrate development within or near the existing village 'pods'. This would avoid sprawl. There was a demand for housing on farms to accommodate workers which makes a lot of sense. There was a push to allow suites in houses, eg particularly to allow for live-in help for the elderly and frail to age in place. And yes, I remember advocating for smaller homes to combat the often excessively large 'dream homes' that are often flipped when island life doesn't live up to expectations. Central to every discussion was being mindful of the build out limit of the island and crucially, the availability of potable water. This hasn't changed.

Let us keep looking for more housing opportunities within the village cores where most of the jobs are. The idea of opening up large lots to development provides for almost untamed sprawl, unmanageable water use, more traffic on our terrible secondary roads and inevitably, spoiled countryside. And let's face it, not everyone wants to be a landlord.

What about second storey living above village stores? The issue of lack of affordable housing is world wide, especially where tourists and their needs have become paramount. Please don't give away our beautiful islands' pastoral views and quiet spaces lightly. Our environment can only sustain so much.....

Please do not pass Bylaw 530 This will not solve the problem.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Tarasoff