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**Subject:** South Pender Minor Use Bylaw Amendment Project

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**Re: South Pender Minor Use Bylaw Amendment Project**

I am writing to say that I agree that Bylaw 129 should revert to 10-foot setbacks. The setbacks contained in Bylaw 122 are too restrictive and do not allow for building according to what is best for the lot.

For example, our lot has a steep grade. With the 10 foot setbacks, we were able to have the house and the garage which contains our cistern at the same level on the lot. This eliminates the need for a pumping station to get the water from the cistern to the house. Part of the slope is shale and clay, so it would have been more expensive to build on that part of the lot. The cistern is part of our Rainwater Catchment System which provides our potable water.

I think it is very undesirable to constantly be changing the bylaws and making properties non-conforming. We finished building in 2016, before Bylaw 114 was passed. Now our property does not conform under the setbacks in Bylaw 122 .

As for the setback from the ocean, in my opinion, a 25 foot setback is adequate, and a 50 foot setback should only be imposed on those lots that require that large a setback for geotechnical reasons.

I agree that Bylaw 129 should be passed since Bylaw 122 is too restrictive and creates too many conforming properties. I do not see the need for the restrictions imposed by Bylaw 122. Building in an environmentally friendly way for each lot to deal with climate change is more important than having a large set of restrictions that don't allow for what works best for each lot.

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