

2050 letter - addressed to Jeanine Dobbs, Mayne Island Trustee

"Dear Jeanine

I have read the proposed policy bylaws for the islands trust, and I am appalled. The Islands Trust is funded by taxes from the resident property owners, and their interests and concerns are given very short shrift in this document.

The original intent in the creation of the Islands Trust was to create a zoning framework that would limit land development while maintaining the integrity of the existing communities. My family has had property on this island for over seventy years. I have been a full-time resident for twelve. and I am distressed at the direction this policy review would take the islands. This is bureaucratic overreach into areas the Trust has no real mandate.

Attempting to control what happens on the shores and waters of the islands is not the responsibility of the Trust. We already pay taxes to the provincial and federal governments to deal with these issues. There is no question that the implementation of these policy bylaws would create a larger bureaucracy, and a greater tax load for the existing property owners. I would rather my taxes went to improve the existing infrastructure of the islands, than seeing the financing of a bureaucracy poised to fight other levels of government for jurisdictional controls.

Regards

Bob McKinnon

Mayne Island