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Subject: **Phase 3 Public Engagement**

Hello Kirsty and Executive Committee,

Thank you, Kirsty, for your presentation to the Trust Executive Committee yesterday. I have one major question – what are we engaging in and commenting on?

By way of background, most of us in the Trust area knew nothing about the Islands Trust's project to update the Trust Policy Statement until we heard that there was an upcoming Trust Council meeting at which the Trust planned to give first reading to an amended Policy Statement. We, the affected communities, had not even seen the draft document nor were we part of drafting the new document. The Trustees (other than those sitting on the Trust Policy Committee) were not briefed and only saw the draft Policy Statement the week before the Trust Council meeting. Many of us only found out about the revised Policy Statement through a mailout to property owners by a group of Concerned Residents of the Islands. Once we were made aware, our communities revolted, and the Trust subsequently delayed the process. Many people wrote letters. Their concerns were many. Some wanted the process stopped completely until our communities had an opportunity to be part of the drafting process. Others suggested specific changes. You will find some of these letters on the Islands Trust 2050 web site.

So, if the intent is to rehash the flawed Draft Policy Statement, I certainly see no merit in doing so. If we are starting with a clean slate, then that is another matter, but I would see that as a totally different engagement process.

So back to my question - Could you please clarify what we are engaging in and commenting on?

Thank you.
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