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Subject: Islands Trust Proposed OCP Amendments

I just read through the proposed amendments to the OCP/LUB, and found them to be concerning.

I thought that the OCP was meant to be a statement of intent by the community and for the community, a guiding document. Perhaps this means that I need to read more up on OCPs, since I don't have a formal understanding of their place within the governance structure.

Many of the OCP policies that are being recommended to be completely dropped or partially eliminated reflect important values and goals that the community has expressed. I don't think that they should be dropped, even if they are "too vague", or are "redundant". The OCP brings together intent and goals for the community, so repeating things and being vague shouldn't be a problem.

I'm specifically thinking about policy 5, 6, 10, for example.

Which, of course, begs the question: Why is the whole OCP being opened up? I was under the impression that there wasn't budget for that in this cycle. This is certainly a surprise, and the magnitude of the proposed changes will have major ramifications for public consultation discussions, etc. These changes are substantial, and will change things for properties across Lasqueti, not just those with ocean shorelines.

Also, does anyone know why we're talking about DPAs? I thought their use here was rejected when we went through the RAR process, and that staff thought they weren't a good idea for Lasqueti.

Just as a heads-up, I suspect this is going to raise a huge furor when people understand the ramifications of what is being proposed.

P.S. There also appears to be a couple of issues in the First Nations section, which I will e-mail Fiona MacRaidl about directly.

Peace,

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