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To: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
Subject: Fw: MARINE SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT

Hi Susan, Tim and Laura,

I am a Lasqueti Island land owner and I am responding to your mail out dated August 9th. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and am appreciative of all the work that you folks do and the good intentions behind this project.

I agree that preservation of the natural beauty of the island is important. I do not however agree that private property owners be compelled to establish park like 15 meter buffer zones on their property. Only land in the public domain, crown land and parks etc, should be subject to this restriction.

Policing and application of the proposed DPA would be an administrative monster. For example my landlocked 1 acre lot is virtually encircled by water, over 1000 feet of waterfront. There is hardly any useable piece of land that isn't within the proposed 15 meters. Do I have to get a permit every time I want to plant a tulip, move a log from my path etc etc? Where will the money to pay for the necessary bureaucracy come from?

Has the necessary research been done to determine if development has indeed caused a problem on Lasqueti? What are the findings? Wasn't the 10 acre minimum lot size instituted to minimize the potential for large scale development? Why has it been decided that only the marine resources and shorelines of Lasqueti need protection? Are there not many areas home to micro ecologies spread throughout the inland island? Why are they not subject to a similar blanket proposal?

The potentially affected landowners bought their properties with certain "rules" formal and informal already in place. To autocratically change these rules will not only infringe on their rights but unfairly have significant negative financial impact on these folks. To add insult to injury PRRD are unlikely to reduce the assessed values of these properties, so despite the ensuing reduction in the market value of these properties owners will continue to pay inflated property tax, but not be able to have the same landownership rights as their inland neighbours.

There are so many unanswered questions, not the least of which is "what is the problem that this policy is supposed to be fixing?".

I can see no benefits, and oppose the proposal in the strongest terms.

If you would like to discuss my views on the matter, my all means send me an e-mail or give me a call. In the meantime I would like to be kept up to date on the progress of the proposal. E-mail or another "mailer" are excellent and important ways of keeping the stakeholders involved.

Kind regards,
Neil and Gabriele.

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