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These are some of my reasons to be totally against this PROJECT:

-It did not come from within our community, but out of a bureaucratic office far away, with little understanding of life on Lasqueti and the way it is governed and protected from overdevelopment.

-it will have serious negative effects on land use, land values and property owners' rights.

-It will be almost impossible to enforce and police, since there is nobody here to do that job.

-Development on Lasqueti is already restricted by the 10 acre minimum subdivision rule, the fact that we do not have a car ferry and no BC Hydro.

-Most of the foreshore activities, like wharfs, boatramps, aquaculture, are already restricted and regulated by DFO, Islands Trust, First Nations etc. Which all have to give their approval before anything happens on our foreshore.

-Moving the setback from 15 meters to 30 meters will have a negative effect on the waterfront as landowners will cut down a lot more trees to get a view of the ocean.

-Values of waterfront properties will go down as new-building, replacing old buildings or renovating existing buildings will be more difficult due to cost, time and hassle to get permits approved.

-This project will require a lot more bureaucracy and bureaucrats, which will require a lot more money which local landowners will have to supply through tax increases.

-Restricting development does not help Lasqueti, as we need more people to pay for the rising costs of infrastructure like school, fire department, recycling centre, waste management, ferry service, road maintenance, health facilities and much more.

Implementing this PROJECT will have a negative impact on the things we need except BUREAUCRACY!! Which is one thing we do not need more of.

-This PROJECT SHOULD and WILL be stopped before a lot of time, energy and money can be spent on it.

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