

September 14, 2017

TO: Lasqueti Island Trust Board

Dear Trustees:

We are writing about the proposed changes to the shoreline set back. We think that this is a poorly thought out plan. We believe that the 15 meter set back is sufficient. Therefore, we question where the 30 meter number comes from. We are wondering if it is taken from the work on the RAR and if so it is not applicable to the ocean shore, but to protecting streams and rivers, allowing trees to fall and create fish spawning habitats.

The main problem with the proposed changes to the shoreline from our perspective is not with a change at subdivision (although we do not see the need), but with the use of this with new builds. We have a small parcel in Spring Bay (1.3 acres) that presently has an old run down cabin situated on the land. At some point we want to build a new house when finances allow. With this proposed setback the usable land that we have purchased is greatly diminished. We feel that this proposed setback is tantamount to stealing our land. Some may argue that these small lots should never have been allowed, however, they were and we purchased said land in good faith. To change the rules now and take away our land is just wrong.

We also wonder why there seems to be a push to insert the "thin edge of the wedge" in terms of trying to bring development permits to Lasqueti?? I think it is very clear that the residents of Lasqueti do not see any need for them. We are wondering if this is a Bureaucratic push to make their lives easier??

We would love to be at the next meeting to express our concerns, however, we will be out of the country at that time.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROPOSAL TO MOVE FORWARD.

Sincerely,



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