

From: Robert Gates [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Sonja Zupanec; Lasqueti Planner; Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
Subject: Lasqueti Waterfront

Hello,

Having recently purchased lot #45 in Spring Bay, my wife and I are very concerned about the proposed changes as to how we may use our land. We purchased this land in good faith with the understanding that we would not be permitted to build anything within 15 meters of the high water line. This is a reasonable distance that leaves more than enough natural boundary between the high water mark and any structures we may build. To have Islands Trust suggest that this may not be the case, and in fact, that it should be twice that distance, is disturbing to say the least. Are the people proposing these changes actually water front owners? Do they understand how these changes will affect the people who own these properties?

We have spent out lifes' savings to buy our own "piece of paradise". Currently, there is a 20 acre parcel of land [LT 1 MAIN ROAD, LASQUETI ISLAND, British Columbia V0R2J0](#) for sale at close to the same price we paid for a 1.2 acre lot. At that price it seems to me that waterfront sells for a ratio of about 20:1 compared with land locked property. We did not purchase this property to have someone else claim stewardship over the most valuable 25% of it. If Islands Trust would like to control the waterfront portion of the land we purchased they are welcome to make an offer at fair market value.

We have a deep respect for the land that we have purchased. We do not want to rush into building anything and are learning as much as we can about using the natural landscape through permaculture techniques and green building practices. Having Islands Trust tell us that they know whats best and we will have to abide by their overly restrictive rules does not sit well with us at all. I foresee a lot of structures being hastily built so that they will be "grandfathered in". It seems as though this proposal may create problems where there were none prior.

Sincerely,
Robert and Karen Gates