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Via email: TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca;

The Honourable Anita Anand, MP
Minister of Transport
Transport Canada,
330 Sparks Street, 29th Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Re: Port Facilities at False Bay, Lasqueti Island, British Columbia

Dear Minister Anand:

I am writing on behalf of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee to urgently request that Transport Canada provide funding for the inspection and repair/replacement of the False Bay Dock on Lasqueti Island.

The dock facilities at this location are very old, and in need of serious renovations, if not complete replacement. It is possibly unsafe and it has been quite some time since any work of substance has been done on the dock or wharf. While federal funding has been provided to upgrade other facilities in this region, which are not such vital points of access, the False Bay facility continues to degrade.

This dock is not a small craft harbour, but we are hearing questions from users of the False Bay facility and local constituents about why the False Bay Dock has not received funding from the 2024 budget for small craft harbours, or other Transport Canada funding schemes.

Residents and visitors to Lasqueti Island rely on this facility for our ferry service. It is our lifeline and connection to all off island services, including medical evacuations and the RCMP. The dock is the only public connection for residents to the rest of Canada, and is a vital part of our community. As Lasqueti Island has almost no services, only a cafe, pub, and gas station, the port facilities are a vital point of access to/from this remote community.

Residents and visitors deserve a safe and reliable facility. We urgently request that the dock facility at False Bay be added to the next round of funding for repair and/or reconstruction.

Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government with a provincial mandate to preserve and protect over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, land conservation and cooperation with other levels of government. This mandate is for the benefit of the benefit of all British Columbians.

Thank you for your consideration. We would appreciate your leadership on this urgent issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tobi Elliott', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tobi Elliott, Chair, Lasqueti Island local Trust Committee

Cc:

Gord Johns, MP, Courtenay—Alberni

Phil Lawrence, Shadow Minister for Transport

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