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Via email: hma.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
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Dear Minister Kahlon:

Re: Request to revise housing needs assessment methodology for rural areas

I am writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Council to request that the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs revise the housing needs assessment methodology to reflect an approach more suited to rural areas.

When applying the provincially-mandated formula for the housing needs assessments local trust committees found that the formula was inadequate to capture the true and diverse housing need in rural island communities, and request the ministry revise its methodology to reflect an approach more suited to rural areas.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

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Bowen Island Municipal Council