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Your worship and Councilors,

Thank you for this opportunity to hear our concerns on a matter of great importance to most islanders: logging on Crown land of Bowen island. As long as we have been on this island, we have known that crown land does not belong to the community and the provincial government could do with it as it pleases. But times are changing and we see right now in the Cariboo what wrong decisions can entail in unexpected consequences and cost.

Whatever desires of BC Timber sales to maximize their profit, Bowen Island does not represent the environment needed for a proper renewal of such resource. Logging on Bowen Island is a one time option leading to long term disastrous consequences. The forest development planner for BC timber sales should know better. Crown land is only 60% of the island that is to be left in its natural state regulating our water reserves & climate conditions. There is still enough on private land that provides sporadic logging, as we saw on Cape Roger Curtis not so long ago.

The present climate change requires that BC Timber Sales under the authority of the BC Ministry of Forests removes once and for all Bowen Island from its potential reserves of commercial timber.

We ask your worship and your council to be unequivocal about it in your demand to the new government to be soon in place in British Columbia. We will do the same to back you up with individual letters.

Sincerely yours

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