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By now your office must have received many letters from Bowen Islanders, opposing the logging of approximately one third of the Island. Needless to say, the numbers in this proposal are horrendous and would have an irreparable negative impact on the community. It is my impression that the logging company is not concerned with this impact, understandably, and is focused on the revenues to be gained from this operation.

They are, and will be in the future, engaged in a process of minimising and rationalising the unavoidable destruction of the island. To expect them to do less would be naive and wishful thinking. Our task is to stop this proposal with absolutely no negotiated compromises.

Looking at the history of community resistance to logging in certain areas in BC makes me wonder why a company would actually try to go forward with their cutting in inappropriate areas.. It seems that dealing with the protests would be very expensive, and above all, the 'optics' for any company would be extremely damaging. This is not a community that would be easily circumvented.

The potential destruction of the designated areas is obvious to a five year old so I won't spend a lot of time on reiterating. The reminder is merely this....

Wildlife habitat

Elimination of water retention...resulting in runoff...Pollution of streams and wells

Landslides...Lower water tables

Tourism damaged significantly.....Local economics hurt

There are several more...

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