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To the Mayor and Council of Bowen Island,

I am writing a letter of concern to you regarding the proposed logging on Bowen Island.

To my dismay, I have recently heard the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) has decided to pursue industrial logging of five areas in the Crown Lands on Bowen Island. I am a concerned resident of this island.

The areas open for logging are looking to total 20-25% of the island. I'm sure you will understand this will have a significant impact on every part of this island within beautiful Howe Sound. Areas of impact include:

- Watersheds - residents are reliant on well water and lake water.
- Residential areas - may be at risk of mudslides and flooding.
- Parks and Nature Reserves with rare plant life.
- Extensive recreational trails.

Our island relies on tourism, and also a balance between nature, residents, and small businesses. The logging will leave a visible scar that will be seen by residents and BC tourists. The scar will be visible from the Lower Mainland, on the Sea to Sky highway, cruise ships, and BC Ferries.

Industrial logging does not fit Bowen Island. It will compromise our economy, values, quality of life, and environmental values of this community.

In summary, I am writing this letter in the hope that you can change the course of the FLNRO logging proposal.

We do not want this logging.
We are very passionate about opposing it.

I have also sent a similar letter to the Minister of the FLNRO, Pamela Goldsmith-Jones MP, MLA Jordan Sturdy, and Peter Luckham who is the Chair of the Islands trust.

Thank you for your time

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