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**Subject:** Logging Crown Land on Bowen Island

My Family has been coming to Bowen Island since my great grandmother rented a steamship cottage in the 1930s. I now live full time on Bowen with my young family. We moved here because of its quiet, majestic island charm and its wild natural beauty. The wildness of Bowen has been uniquely preserved over the years thanks to the efforts of Bowen Islanders and people beyond our island borders. It is a sacred, special place for our family and our wider community.

Bowen Island has a unique and fragile water system that would be dangerously disturbed by any kind of logging practices. As full time residents, we need a safe and reliable water system. Bowen Island is a small place with a growing population that is even more reliant on a protected water system. We, and by that I mean all of us as human beings, have to stand up and protect Bowen Island's water, the habitat for Bowen's animals and this sacred natural wonderland for generations to come.

Part of what makes Bowen so special and unique is that it has remained a jewel of natural beauty. Residents and people beyond our island borders have fought before us to keep it this way and they prevailed. I am able to live here with my family so many years after my great grandmother was here and still see these beautiful old trees she knew and the forest paths she walked and the cottages she stayed in.

We are called on again, not just as Bowen Islanders, but as people from all over, to stand up for this place we all treasure: it is truly a treasure and we cannot tire of protecting this sacred place as others have done before us.

Let us stand together as human beings to preserve this place for our children's children and beyond. Together, we will prevail and save our island's forests.

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