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## CVRD BYLAW CHANGES

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### **To whom it likely doesn't concern...**

I am writing to you to make known my utter disgust, anger and fear over the new proposed CVRD bylaw plan.

I am a good citizen. I pay all my taxes. I recycle, I insure my vehicle and renew my dogs licenses every year. I keep my property neat, tidy and upgraded as needed. I am quiet. I am a good neighbour. I shovel my sidewalk when it snows and do the sidewalks of elderly neighbours. I go to work, my own business I have built from the ground up over the last 20 years, and I work very very hard to earn a modest income. An income that the current inflations has made less and less.... on the few days off I have, I stay home and I tend to my garden and to my small flock of silkie chickens. One would have to be blind not to see how horrible the world has become, war, hate, hunger, poverty, devision, sickness..... being at home tending to my animals and enjoying my yard is nearly all I have left to be happy about these days. And YOU are trying your very best to take that away.

We are in the middle of a crippling housing crisis yet you are telling folks they cannot live in rv's on their own land or provide their friends or family a place to live on our own land.

We are on the direct path of starvation due to food shortages and tariffs making groceries unaffordable, yet you are telling folks we cannot raise and grow our own food.

We are in an economic disaster yet you are telling folks they can no longer use their properties to help bring in money.

And all of these \*infractions\* come with a \$50.000.00 a day fine?!?!?!?

Our taxes are raising, our health care is non existent, our schools are a joke, our paved roads are in worse shape than the logging roads we are all no longer allowed to drive down.... and you sit in your comfy chair behind your nice desk and you make up new asinine rules for all of US to follow. Enough is ENOUGH

You have forgotten. YOU work for US, you are public servants... to make up this new proposed bylaw plan, that negatively effects THOUSANDS of people in the CVRD, and attempt to push it through while recommending no public hearing, is nothing short of treason and make no mistake, we will all take this for what it is. I direct threat to our food security, to use of our lands and to our livelihoods some of us have spent decades building.

IF this disgusting plan passes, this is what it will look like for me. The few hens I have will no longer be allowed to live on my property. I waited my entire life to be able to be in a situation where I could legally and properly own chickens. Last year when the town of Ladysmith finally allowed the keeping of backyard hens I set to spending thousands building the perfect coop. I then spent many many hours researching breeds, choosing one that was small, calm and quiet so as to be even more respectful to my neighbours (something I didn't have to do) I then spent a lot of money finding and buying from a reputable breeder. Every day since I am with my chickens. I clean their pen every day. I feed them top quality food. I get them any vet care they need. If this plan passes, it is not simply \*livestock\* that will be taken from me. It is my pets. I have raised these birds from day old hatchlings. I have their baby photos. They all have names and unique personalities. as a woman in her 30's with no children, please understand these ARE my children, taking them is no different to taking my dogs and cats. And have you given any thought to what will happen to the literal thousands of animals, not just chickens, but all other livestock, if this plan passes? What will happen then, euthanize thousands of innocent animals?

This plan threatens my pets and my happiness and my right to my own property. It threatens the rights of my neighbours and friends and the rights of strangers. And I have to ask myself, where does it stop? What will they take next? Born and raised on this beautiful island, I feel this is the final straw that will force me from my home against my will.

I implore you for once to listen to those you were hired to serve and do the RIGHT thing. You do not want thousands of angry farmers at your door with the blood of their animals on your hands, believe me....

We will not give up,

Jennifer Cairns. Ladysmith resident.