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via e-mail: [AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable Norm Letnick, MLA  
Minister of Agriculture  
PO Box 9850, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Letnick:

**Re: Proposed changes to the Agricultural Land Reserve**

I am writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Council to provide you with the attached December 20, 2013 letter I wrote to the Honourable Pat Pimm, then Minister of Agriculture, and the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review.

Thank you for considering this submission to your consultation on the *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act*.

Sincerely,

Sheila Malcolmson  
Chair, Islands Trust Council  
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Attach: December 20, 2013 Islands Trust Council Chair letter to Ministers Pimm and Bennett regarding support for the Agricultural Land Reserve

cc: Islands Trust Area MLAs:  
Gary Holman, Saanich North and the Islands  
Don McRae, Comox Valley  
Doug Routley, Nanaimo – North Cowichan  
Nicholas Simons, Powell River – Sunshine Coast  
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The Honourable Pat Pimm, MLA  
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The Honourable Bill Bennett, MLA  
Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister  
Responsible for Core Review  
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Ministers:

**Re: Support for the Agricultural Land Reserve**

I am writing to you both to convey the Islands Trust Council's December 2013 unanimous resolution of concern over possible weakening of the British Columbia Agricultural Land Reserve.

If the Province of British Columbia decides to proceed with a review of the Agricultural Land Commission or Agricultural Land Reserve, we have two requests: please include the recommendations from previous reviews and please include a meaningful consultation process with local governments and communities.

The Agricultural Land Commission and Agricultural Land Reserve had provincial reviews twice in the past three years and surely don't need a third until implementation of the previous recommendations bear fruit.

The Agricultural Land Reserve is an important asset in the Islands Trust Area. It helps sustain the character of our islands and the health of our communities by supporting food security and protecting farming opportunities for current and future farming families.

The Islands Trust Council supports the preservation of the Agricultural Land Reserve and its management by an independent and adequately funded Agricultural Land Commission.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Malcolmson  
Chair, Islands Trust Council

cc. Bowen Island Municipality  
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