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I am writing to voice my support for co-housing in general, and Belterra in specific.

Co-housing gives each member the opportunity to be a part of the design of the project. The Belterra group has a focus on creating an environmentally and socially responsible neighbourhood. We will continue to attract like-minded people and Belterra will help Bowen maintain a population of varying income levels, lifestyles and age groups.

I have lived on Bowen for 21 years. I am a single person and I could never hope to afford a single-family home here. Even if I could, most houses on Bowen are far larger than I need and certainly larger than would want to care for. Smaller units will provide myself, and many others with the private space they need daily, while the shared common space will have the extra space we all need occasionally. Smaller units will also mean more green space, more room for food gardens, more places for kids to play, all steps away from the front door.

Bowen will benefit from the Belterra project in many ways. To name a couple: The non-market homes will provide an opportunity to own a home that I, one of many, would not be able to otherwise. Seniors can still own their own home on Bowen without being secluded in any way.

I am looking forward to living in an inclusive, supportive community within the larger community of Bowen Island.

Sincerely  
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