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Subject: RE: Living Water Smart Blog Launch

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It's hard for me to get excited about "Championing" the future of Ground Water (two words now) when we still have not dealt with all the great work we have done in the past. I am referring to Phase II of the new GW regulations which still languishes on some shelf in Victoria. As part of the GW Advisory Board, which spent the last two and a half years drafting the second phase, I find it unconscionable that the government would blow off this critical legislation which addresses key issues pertaining to the conservation and protection of our aquifers as well as putting teeth into the Act. Instead, they have opted to spend the much needed money and resources on yet another program which distracts our focus from making real changes to the Water Protect Act. We all know the real story by now, the government hasn't got the guts to legislate in Phase II because it doesn't want to spend the money. Phase II will offer real conservation and protection of our resources and hold contractors and individuals responsible if they fail to comply. This is what our industry and the public want. But No. Instead they come up with this airy fairy program (Living Water Smart) which tells everyone how warm and fuzzy we all are about water issues and how the governments here to help us. I can just see the Minister, like Julie Andrews in The Sound of Music, skipping over the meadows singing the praises of the Living Water Smart program while our aquifers continue to decline, our policy makers are given no direction and the public have no protection. All done at a fraction of the price of what real regulations could bring to this province. After trying to bring real changes to water regulations for the past 15 years, I can only hope that it won't take another Walkerton to get our government serious about Ground Water regulations.

That's my rant for today. Feel free to pass this on to whomever you feel needs a snicker or find a new cause.

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Joan – can you have this notice posted on our web site and have a link established to the Living Water Smart “Blog” ASAP.

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To those interested in BC’s water future,

[Living Water Smart](#) is the provincial government’s plan to keep our water healthy and secure for the future. A key commitment in the plan is to modernize our water laws to improve the protection of ecological values, provide for more community involvement, and provide incentives to be water efficient.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be using a new *Living Water Smart* [Blog](#) to encourage water stewardship in BC, share your ideas and stories and celebrate our water smart successes. The Blog will also be used to support dialogue on modernizing the *Water Act* and will complement a public discussion paper and a series of regional meetings to be announced early in the New Year.

As Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation, I will be championing the public engagement process and encourage you to get involved. I invite you to take a look at our [Blog](#), make comments and join the conversation. Visit our [website](#), contact us at livingwatersmart@gov.bc.ca, or call (250) 387-4734 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Slater, MLA
Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation