From: ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 2:12:29 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: "WAM comment submission"

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my input about the proposed Water Act Modernization process and online form.
The current proposal is clearly NOT a healthy and viable solution to Water Protection.
All water-using citizens should be contacted and made aware of such a proposal, the issue needs to be
brought to a referendum and decisions must be made with real public representation.
The online Living Waters input form was not widely circulated nor with enough time to research and respond,
and furthermore, it is much too complex for the average citizen and so even those who wanted to fill it in
and send it back, had/are having a hard time, doing so.

Below are some points that I believe are important:

WATER is to be clearly recognized as a BASIC HUMAN RIGHT and part of COMMONS-common public resource HELD IN TRUST
by gov't to manage and represent public interest.

The Water Act would not undermine/devolve uses and proptections to other acts (ie:-Section 9 of the Water Act devolved Water protection to various other Ministries' acts
(Forestry, Mining, Gas and Oil)

Watershed Reserves need to be re-established for SOURCE PROTECTION from Forestry and other resource extraction activities.

Allocation decisions need to be made collaboratively using Science, Traditional Knowledge and Local history- PRECAUTIONARY
principle functioning as opposed to mitigating damage after it has occurred.

FITFIR - First in time, First in Right remains unchanged as a self-regulating system for over-allocation problems.
Our farms and domestic water rights are THE MOST IMPORTANT.

DOMESTIC USE licenses should NOT BE CHANGED- We want to maintain our basic legal rights.

FIRST NATIONS social and cultural practices associated with water should be respected and accommodated.

The CURRENT WATER ACT is kept in place UNCHANGED untill a broad scope public input process occurs with full funding
and major public consultation.
There were inadequate measures taken to inform the public of the proposal and the public input process.
This calibre of issue needs major public process and input and accurate representation in Gov't in order to create
an ammendment or "modernization" to the current Water Act. Do NOT allow this "modernization" to occur without due and

right process. This is THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION OUR PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE.

Please consider all I have included in this letter and maintain the current Water Act until a healthier model can be made
with Public interest- NOT FOR PROFIT AND POWER.

I will be expecting a prompt response, Thank you for your time and consideration to this most important ACT.

Sincerely,
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