From: ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 1:53:12 PM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: WAM Submissions

To Whom it may concern,

Please consider my comments on the Water Act Modernization:

Water is recognized as ahuman rightand part of the commons. Water is owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to manage in the public interest

A broadened scope of discussion for true water protection needs to include land use (likeresource extraction activities) since you can't protect the water without considering the land

Water Act should not devolve some uses and protections to other acts (Section 9 of the Water Act devolves water protection to various other Ministries Acts (Forestry, Mining, Gas & Oil))

Watershed Reserves must be re-established for source protection from forestry and otherresource extraction activities. Watershed reserves would protect ourdrinking water supplies

Collaborative science,traditional knowledgeandlocal historyshould inform all allocation decisions. Theprecautionary principleshould be functioning at all times (no harm proof prior to new uses, not mitigation after damage)

We need a Governance model: a FULLY FUNDEDlocal government modelwith local decision-making power. Since there is no funding and the government may never grant local decision making powers, it would be best to go with the STATUS QUO (no change model) until broader scope, full funding and fullpublic consultationis part of the process.

FITFIR(First in time, First in right) must remain unchanged since it is a self-regulating system for over-allocation problems. Modifying FITFIR could allow government to removewater rightsfrom established farms,water systems, and other uses.

Domestic Use licensed use should NOT be changed to a "permitted" use in order to retainlegal rights

Public involvement must be enlarged to cover further steps in the process. The government decision making model shows the workshop/comments as our only chance for input, and this is not enough. First Nations social and cultural practices associated with water must be respected and accommodated

FITFIR and Domestic Use must remain unchanged!
Sincerely,
PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED

Please respond to this email so that I know that you got it.
Thank you.