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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: WAM Content submission

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

This letter is regarding the proposed Water Act Modernization. The current proposal concerns me in that short term financial gain may outweigh long term sustainability goals such as water protection. I feel that changes in the ownership of our water and water sources should not be taken lightly, this is our future that we are considering after all.

Points for consideration:

>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.

>The CURRENT WATER ACT is kept in place UNCHANGED untill a broad scope public input process occurs with full funding and major public consultation.

>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 THING.

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

We as constituents should have a say in a major issue such as this, not because we want to rally and riot at the drop of the hat, because we want to maintain and preserve the land we live in for generations to come. What if there is a future where our water, owned by a private party, becomes too expensive for us to consume? Do you really want a hand in that future?

The calibre of this issue needs major public process and input and accurate representation in Government 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 COULD 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.

Consider the ramifications of a shift in the current water act,

Thank you,

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