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Dear Government,
Please do not further the private handling of BC's water resources.
Your protection of this precious resource is inadequate.
>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.

>FIRST NATIONS social and cultural practices associated with water are respected and accomodated.

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