From: ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 10:02:11 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Our water is not for sale

Dear Government of BC, OUR WATER IS NOT FOR SALE!

and not for contamination with chlorine

All our bodies, of water and our human ones

will be chlorinated! This is counter to LIFE.

I feel terrible about giving up our water license rights to provide a "predictable investment climate across the province"?? This is one of the guiding principles of the Water Act Modernization (WAM)!!!

*I DEMAND THAT: this principle be dropped from WAM and that OUR COMMON WATER RIGHTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

It makes me sick to my stomach giving up our public trust water rights to the provincial government with its corporate policy??

Though the government would like to think they own BC's water, we currently have COMMON LAW Riparian Water Rights, which is part of our public trust.

*I DEMAND THAT: water be recognized as a human right and part of the commons owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to be

managed in the public interest, not corporate interest!

I think it's a bad idea that the provincial government is dispensing water allocation based on "a higher economic purpose"?

I feel strongly about our current water license, which is based on 'first in time, first in right' (FITIFR), being downgraded to a 'permit', which would negate your common law water rights, and allow government to determine 'priority of use'??

*I DEMAND THAT: FITFIR remains unchanged since it is a self-regulating system for over-allocation problems. I want you our GOVERNMENT TO KNOW THAT 'PERMITS' ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!

How do you feel about domestic water use (which constitutes .2% of surface water allocation) receiving a "permit" while use for oil well drilling and hydrofracking shale gas or oil wells carry on with no permit or license at all since they are devolved to other ministeries. None of the WAM discussion papers or reports mention

a process for how our water supplies would be protected from resource extraction activities.!!!

*I DEMAND THAT: WAM not devolve water protection to various other

Ministries Acts (Forestry, Mining, Gas & Oil)!!!

If this government really wanted to look at water conservancy it would unite it's Ministries and work toward this goal. With this proposed Water Act Modernization there are no standards being set for this!!

*I DEMAND THAT: WATERSHEDS BE LEGISLATED AS RESERVES AND DEMAND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION! DEMAND SURFACE AND GROUND WATER PROTECTION FROM MINING, GAS AND OIL AND ALL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES!!

*I DEMAND A BROADER PUBLIC IMPUT OF THIS PROCESS INSTEAD OF THIS UNANNOUNCED, 10DAY REVIEW PROCESS!!!

Sincerely,
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