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Subject: Water Act Modernization

To the Ministers responsible for "WAM"
And to:
BC Premier Campbell
Steve Thomson MLA
Bill Bennett MLA
Barry Penner MLA
Bill Routley MLA (Cowichan district)

I notice on the BC Government website the quote below:
"Modernizing the <http://livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/> Water Act is about making our water laws simpler to understand, communicate, administer and enforce to respond to current and future challenges." The proposed changes ARE NOT clear to the mostly uninformed public and the April 30 submission deadline is unacceptable.
*I DEMAND A BROADER PUBLIC IMPUT OF THIS PROCESS INSTEAD OF THIS UNANNOUNCED, 10 DAY REVIEW PROCESS!!!
The WAM intends that the public give up our water license rights to provide a "predictable investment climate across the province".
(I understand that 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!!
*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 DEMANT THAT: WAM not devolve water protection to various other Ministries Acts (Forestry, Mining, Gas & Oil)!!!
*I DEMAND THAT: WATERSHEDS BE LEGISLATED AS RESERVES AND THAT SOURCE WATER BE PROTECTED!
*I DEMAND THAT: SURFACE AND GROUND WATER BE PROTECTED FROM MINING, GAS AND OIL AND ALL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES!!
What does the government plan to do about BP lifting restrictions on drilling safety in Canada's arctic, while we watch the oil spill grow in the gulf?

Sincerely,

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