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Subject: OUR COMMON WATER RIGHTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

FROM A VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN, I MUST SPEAK!

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I DEMAND that The Water Act Modernization (WAM) drop it's principle to provide a "predictable investment climate across the province"! I am aware that 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 DEMAND THAT: FITFIR remains unchanged since it is a self-regulating system for over-allocation problems. PERMITS' ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!

How is it right for domestic water use requiringr 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)!!!

I DEMAND THAT WATERSHEDS BE LEGISLATED AS RESERVES AND DEMAND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION! I 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!!!