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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: WAM process

Sir/Madam:

I am vehemently opposed to giving up your water license rights to provide a "predictable investment climate across the province."!! I understand this is one of the guiding principles of the Water Act Modernization (WAM).

I demand that this principle be dropped from WAM. OUR COMMON WATER RIGHTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

I oppose giving up public trust water rights to the provincial government for use by business organizations!!

The government does not own BC's water, the people 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 am vehemently opposed to the provincial government dispensing water allocation based on "a higher economic purpose". This is IMO borderline treason.

I am opposed to current water licenses, which are based on 'first in time, first in right' (FITIFR), being downgraded to 'permits', which would negate our 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 am opposed to 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 can carry on with no permit or license at all!!. 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 water sources be protected for use by people, not business entities. I demand surface and ground water protection from mining, gas and oil and all other industrial activities.

I demand a broader public input of this process.

As currently constituted, WAM is a shameful (and shameless) sellout of people’s water rights to business interests.

Sincerely ,

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