From: June Ross ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2011 1:22 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Your Message on the VIWWC website

On Feb. 4th, you left the following note on our website;

BC Ministry of Environment

The concerns raised in your blog post may leave readers thinking that government is planning to privatize B.C.'s water. This is not true. For what we mean by water markets and water rights trading, please see this post on the Living Water Smart Blog (http://blog.gov.bc.ca/livingwatersmart/).

Protecting stream health and aquatic environments is an underlying principle of the proposed Water Sustainability Act. Instream flows would be legally protected as an environmental value. For more information, have a look at page 8 of the Policy Proposal (http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/).

We welcome your comments and questions.

Living Water Smart Team
BC Ministry of Environment
http://blog.gov.bc.ca/livingwatersmart/

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We comment back to you as follows.

We never indicated that the government was intending on privatizing our water. What we have said and will continue to say, is that water markets and water rights trading does nothing but leave our water to the highest bidder! We have read what you have said on on the blog site and you are playing with words!!!
Remove your thoughts from our Act . No where, in any discussions,did anyone raise that they wanted water markets or water trading.
Thou protesteth too loudly sirs!

In addition, where in the Act have you defined the word sustainable? Why are you changing the name of the Act without definition?

Sincerely,
June Ross
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