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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Fw: Water Act Modernization: Discussion Paper Feedback

Dear Planners,

I echo the words of Ms. Woodworth in saying that she has hit the nail on the head in her letter, below: we all need to learn the lessons of the past and stop putting private profits ahead of the nest in which we raise our young, our Earth.

It is unconscionable to allow privateers to exploit what belongs to all British Columbians, under the rubric of "good investment".

The true investment is in pure, clean water for the people of BC, the flora and fauna which so richly nourish them, and the knowledge that our children will have such sources of health and happiness in their own lives.

None of us cares about the bottom line of large corporations. What we all share is a care that the resources of BC, and of Canada, remain in the control, and for the benefit of, those to whom they truly belong.

Anyone with working brain cells must realize: trading resources for profit kills the resource, and the profiteers simply move on to their next victim unimpeded.

This cannot be allowed to happen in BC and set a precedent for the rest of the nation!

Sincerely,

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From: [Elizabeth Woodworth](#)

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Subject: Water Act Modernization: Discussion Paper Feedback

Water Act Modernization Program
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Dear Planners:

I strongly disagree that water management should have anything at all to do with the "investment climate" as suggested by number 5 and 7 on your website at <http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/feedback.html>

I am completely opposed to any run-of-river stream development projects in the province of British Columbia, and most particularly, with any involvement from the private sector.

I believe that we should continue with the publicly run and relatively inexpensive hydroelectric dam system that has served the province so well for the past 60 years. It ain't broke: DON'T FIX IT!

Keep the big corporations away from water. They learned this in 19th century London: do we have to regress back through time to relearn the lessons that water supply must be exclusively publicly owned and operated?

And please, if water conservation is to result in lower domestic consumption, consider this beneficial impact on Victoria's existing sewage system, which has been regularly monitored for decades, shows no harmful effects on public health or on the marine environment, and which should be even more satisfactory if water consumption drops.

Save our money for truly GREEN endeavors -- such as light rapid transit, urban gardens, ubiquitous bicycle lanes, and all those other good things that Europe is so far ahead in.

Sincerely,

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