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Dear Ministry Folks,

Given that: 98% of current water license allocations are for Hydro- power use with most new licenses giving 40 year tenure; only about 10% of the remaining 2% are for agricultural use and 0.2% for rural domestic use, I find it outrageous that what little capacity we have to be self-reliant in feeding our selves in the province of BC may be placed in jeopardy. This while 80% of the cost of conventional food production in North America is fossil fuel (according to the U.S.D.A.) and the I.E.A. (International Energy Agency branch of the O.E.C.D.) predicts that fossil fuels will suffer "catastrophic" increases in price. At the same time climate modeling predicts that water will be in short supply during the latter part of the growing season in much of BC's most fertile areas. Countries all over the world are seeing a strategic necessity to be self-reliant in their food production whereas supporting the private power industry and bureaucratic silos seem to dominate in B.C.. Furthermore the viability of rural habitation altogether may be compromised while the global situation totters towards "peak everything" and resource extraction in these same areas is the likeliest driver for the economy and survival.

Your comments on these issues would be much appreciated.

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