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Water Act Modernization
Ministry of Environment
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Re: Policy Proposal on British Columbia's Water Sustainability Act

The District of Hudson's Hope wishes to be on record as endorsing the paper submitted by the Peace River Regional District regarding the "Policy Proposal for a new Water Sustainability Act."

Hudson's Hope would like to emphasize the need to recognize water as a fundamental necessity of life which must be carefully stewarded for the benefit of all life existing in the watersheds affected.

Points of special note include:

- The need for water permitting and licensing should be consolidated under a single agency whose sole mandate is the protection and stewardship of water.
- Consumptive use of water for industrial purposes is of special concern. Careful vigilance is needed to ensure that groundwater, headwaters of drainage systems and existing uses such as power generation are protected.

Thank you for the efforts being made to widely consult on this very important issue.

Yours truly,

Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson, Mayor
District of Hudson's Hope

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