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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: MODERNIZATION OF THE WATER ACT 2010

To whom it may concern,

After reviewing many articles I have come to the conclusion that the proposed changes to the FITFIR Water Act are being done in haste, and needs a far greater public consultation.
Much more time needs to be alloted to the study of the implications of these changes.
I am a licensed surface water user and a lifetime resident of the West Kootenay. I have witnessed many changes in our water quality, all for the worse because of industry and its' unregulated and deregulated actions.
Private land logging had expensive, long-term consequences for my family and seriously rerouted the surface water due to damaged hydrological systems from the installed logging roads, causing slides.
To name the Nelson area hydrologist as" redundant" speaks of corporate opportunism. The Slocan Valley of the West Kootenay is known for its' slides due to the blue clay layer and yet the wisdom of the government is to remove the expertise that could keep our watersheds intact and our citizens safe.
So who is to gain by these changes? Not the licenced water users who need the environment to keep intact for continual supply for their families and for the health of the river itself.

I suspect that corporate agenda is what is driving this change.These changes and the proposed lack of public control of the water commons reminds me of the problems third world countries are experiencing. Water is no longer a human right in these countries. Even rain water must be bought. How ridiculous greed can get, in order to make profit!

Money will be made for the coffers of B.C., but in a long-term healthy way. Forests can be logged without causeing slides and water loss. There are many wise ways to conserve and use water that are used all over the world. The wise-use ways are the laws to be inacted with plenty of consultation by all the licenced water users, first nations and independent water experts.
Putting the present day government and corporations in control of The Commons is not the answer.
Government corporate mistakes have been witnessed all over the world, certainly making an enoromous profit for themselves and their shareholders and causing grevious injury to the environment and the local citizens.

Now these greedy people are knocking at our door, checking to see if we are awake to the deadend changes of OUR Water.

It is time to go back to the table, consult the citizens of B.C. in a long,lengthy and thorough process.

I do not support the New Modernization of the Water Act.
The public consultation and decision-making needs to be much more thorough with continuing pubic debate.

Yours sincerely,

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