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To Whom It May Concern:

Our water is owned collectively by all residents and held in trust by our government to manage.It is a life or death human right and part of the commons. Water is also predicted to be the leading edge issue facing the planet with respect to climate change impacts and the limiting factor with respect to our ability to feed ourselves.

To be meaningful the discussion must be broadened to include land use, since true water protection is impossible otherwise. Therefore, the act cannot devolve some uses and protections to other acts or ministries. Source protection and watershed reserves must be re-established with respect to all other activities.

We need fully funded local government empowerment with respect to any "modernization" of the act with local decision making power respecting science, local history and traditional uses including drinking water, agriculture, and first nations traditions. The precautionary principle requiring burden of proof before the fact must be applied with respect to the points made in the first two paragraphs above. Until and unless these conditions are met the status quo (i.e. FITFIR must remain in place) must be maintained. Until this broader scope, full funding and local decision making including ongoing public consultation are in place, Domestic Use Licensing rather than permits must remain in place.

Respectfully Submitted,

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