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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: WATER ACT MODERNIZATION

To all it concerns..and it should concern everyone

THIS IS A COMPLETE FARCE!!
LAST WEEK WHEN I HEARD THERE WAS A MEETING IN NELSON RE: WAM, AND THAT IF I DIDN'T ALREADY HAVE MY NAME ON A LIST I WASN'T GOING TO GET IN I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WAS ACTUALLY THAT SHALLOW!!
HOW CAN THERE BE A PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS THAT IS LIMITED to a first come basis!! and how could it happen with little or no notice...I didn't see advertisement for this 'WORKSHOP' anywhere....where was this meeting LOCALLY advertised???

I did have the good fortune to read some of the literature that came from that meeting and I would like to make an official submission regarding the government's WAM proposal:

Regarding Principle 5. ..."providing a predictable investment climate".... I want this to be removed as a guiding principle since it makes water a commodity, which it is not, at least not in this country! OUR WATER RIGHTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

I CURRENTLY HAVE A WATER LICENSE AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TURNING IT IN FOR A 'PERMIT'... WATER IS A human right and part of the commons owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to be managed in the public interest, not corporate interest!

I WANT 'FITFIR' TO REMAIN UNCHANGED SINCE IT IS A SELF-REGULATING SYSTEM FOR OVER-ALLOCATION PROBLEMS!!
PERMITS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!! IT APPEARS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO PREMPT MY WATER RIGHTS!!

SINCE DOMESTIC WATER USE CONSTITUTES A MERE .2% OF WATER ALLOCATION WHY IS IT THE FOCUS OF THIS NEW WATER ACT MODERNIZATION?? SO IT MAKES THE PAPER SHUFFLE EASIER?? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE KIDDING??
GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF WATER USERS!!

IF GOVERNMENT REALLY WANTED TO WORK TOWARDS CONSERVANCY AND USE WITHIN SUSTAINABLE LIMITS, WHY IS MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT NOT WORKING WITH THE OTHER MINISTRIES TOWARDS THESE MEASURES, INSTEAD OF DEVOLVING THE MATTER TO THE OTHER MINISTRIES. HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN QUALITY OF AND TIMING OF FLOW OF SOURCE WATERS WHEN THERE IS LITTLE CONSIDERATION FOR MAINTAINING THE VERY FOREST AND LANDS THAT PROTECT THE WATERSHEDS?

WHY DO 'INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES' LIKE WATERFRACTING HAVE UNLICENSED USE OF WATER?
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEAN BY 'PRIORITY INTEREST'?

THIS PROCESS, AS IT WAS PRESENTED, IS A SHAM!! I DEMAND A BROADER PUBLIC PROCESS!!

Sincerely,

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