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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Water Act Modernization

To Whom it May Concern:

Since from everything I've read I see no effort on your part to "modernize" the Water Act by protecting watersheds from damaging resource extraction (i.e. mining and logging) I find the idea of "modernization" (although explained in your materials as aiming for water conservation and equitable usage), to be patently false.

I smell a not very well hidden agenda on the part of the BC government to ultimately make a profit by privatizing water and selling it to the highest bidder.

I am a small water license holder in the West Kootenays. I have a 500 gallon domestic use license and have 11 acres. My water use is conservative and I have built my own water system and am always cleaning and contributing to its efficiency. I monitor the water flow and the health of the creek whose water I share with 6 users downstream.

The Water Act as it stands now has served me, my family and my neighbours well. Unfortunately it seems that BC's ministries do not act together to protect this valuable resource. I do not see a genuine concern by the BC government to sustain the many resources that BC possesses. I see that these resources are viewed as sources of money rather than sources of health and well-being for all BC citizens.

Don't try to fix what isn't broken. Instead, get your ministries together to fix the shoddy regulations and monitoring that allows this precious resource to be endangered by irresponsible resource extraction practices.

Yours truly,

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