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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: WAM

To the Honourable Minister Penner and to leaders in the MOE,

We are concerned with several aspects of the outline of the Water Act Modernization as presented on your web site.
Perhaps we are particularly concerned at this time because we disagree with the government approach to selling long term rights to rivers for the private production of power.

When we read that a principle of the WAM will be to provide "a predictable investment climate" we are worried that business interests will be ensconced thereby replacing community needs.

And again, we read "higher economic interest" and suspect it means "business interest" and we wonder just what is meant. Does it mean selling water rights to the highest bidder? Will communities have to bid against private enterprise to maintain water systems?

We are concerned about the continuation of public ownership of our water. (Unfortunately we were unable to download the whole of the discussion paper perhaps due to the broken underwater cable. We will try again but raise concerns now as the discussion ends April 30.)

Sincerely,

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