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Subject: Langley's And The Salmon Rivers Future

Dear a living water smart I've been watching the progress you've been making on the water act and in have been encouraged you are taking steps to address is very important issue, however many of us in Langley area especially feel it's time to get on with phase 2:

Phase 2 of the Water Act has been ready to go for several months. We have heard that it has been put on the shelf.

Phase 2 contains the teeth that field personnel need to make progress on water problems (ability to cap artesian wells, enforcement etc.).

The government should be bringing Phase 2 forward for discussion with a timeline to implement before the end of the year. Initiating another unfocussed discussion (and putting out the glossy but vacuous Living Water Smart materials) looks like a stalling process.

This delay is also an insult to the skilled group of groundwater specialists who have spent several years working out Phase 1 and 2 of the Act.

We desperately need you to actually get on with the program and think among the long-term viability of the groundwater resource, while you will meet resistance from many who have fears about their wells and private property, the truth is it is truly a shared resource and we all need is a basic necessity for survival in life.

The Salmon River especially depends upon the aquifer and the underground springs feeding it cool fresh water in order to keep the temperatures low enough for survival of the Salmon and other wildlife than are all interdependent. This proves is a good illustration of how we actually are interdependent with the earth and all of these pollution and overuse issues help to awaken us to the fact that we are part of nature not just here to take advantage of and over consume to the detriment of other species and in the and ourselves.

That said this will water act is part of a sustainable and healthy long-term future for us all,, please get on with the job at hand you will be remembered as people that helped make a significant difference in help us all get out of collective denial and that we have a responsibility to future generations to leave them with something more than burned out shell of a planet.

Best of luck with this endeavor, and it is ending I can do to help please feel free to write,

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