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With great interest I attended the Water Act Modernization workshop in Langley. It was organized very well.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my viewpoint on the water governance approach. I oppose a centralized approach and agree with a shared approach. A centralized approach stems from a very old school of thought. Decision-making should involve the stakeholders: "water is a subject in which everyone is a stakeholder" (Global Water Partnership 2000 document on Integrated Water Management)". The government coordinates laws and rules (with stakeholders input) but day-to-day implementation of the act and related planning & decision-making should be shared with partner institutions at regional or watershed scale. Marbek Resource Consultants Ltd. performed an analysis of economic instruments for water conservation for the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. One of their conclusions was indeed that decentralized decision-making (pertaining to water resources management) should be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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