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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
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To whom it my concern,

My jaw has dropped! First thing I would like to say is that I do not support any change to our current Water Act. At the Nelson 16th public meeting I attended it was very clear that the public was very much against WAM. It was quite clear that the governments interests were not about protecting our domestic water. When only 0.2% of the water in our province is used for domestic water then how will making the people responsible make any difference, there is a hidden agenda here! As I am writing this letter I fight the Ministry of Forest from clear-cutting (with no protection on the creeks/streams) in my watershed. How can one Ministry protect our water while another destroys it? This point was brought up over and over again during the meeting,I think if there is to be any change to our Water Act then it must take precedence over any other ministry ext. Water allocation is not really the problem, the problem is lack of protection of our entire B.C. Water supply from resource extraction and related activities. This is were we need to change the act ,maybe industry who make money off the water should pay a fee. Water is a human right and owned by all collectively. The government does NOT own the water,but is to manage it. When 12% of water is lost to old infrastructure this is bad management. Why are we spending money on changing the Water Act when we should be upgrading our infrastructure ? The people no longer trust government management practices, we do not need legislation to protect us from ourselves.

My final request is if there are to be any changes to the Water Act ,the government must have more public involvement and must have public vote in the form of a referendum.

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