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re: restructuring/revising the BC Water Act.

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BC Water should NOT be privatized. Recent events in the Western World highlight the abuses that privatized, unregulated corporations can inflict upon the public
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Water is B.C.'s Gold. Water must remain the province of the people of British Columbia. Water is British Columbia's "money in the bank". We should NOT be selling our children's future
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We must STOP altering the flow of streams, lakes, rivers for human energy needs. Ecosystems must remain untampered. This is the 21st century and we now know much of the damage we human beings have inflicted upon habitats, ecosystems, and the climate, around the world.
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B.C.'s future lies in its unique, pristine, beauty. B.C.'s economic future also lies in its unique, pristine, beauty. As the remainder of the world habitats are abused and misused for human purposes, we in B.C. must remain a beacon of protection for the natural environment. There are waiting lists to spend thousands of dollars in the Galapogos Islands to see 'things as they were'. B.C. can, in a sense, become the same.
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The public of British Columbia MUST be involved in the redesigning of the Water Act, at all levels of input.
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Water scarcities are already prevalent in B.C. (see Vernon, BC)....it would be foolhardy to take/give away control of our most valuable 'commodity'; water must remain in full control of the citizens of British Columbia.
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Let us be thinking of posterity and our grandchildren's all around health.

Respectfully submitted

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