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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: WAM comment submission

As a citizen of British Columbia, I am writing to express my concern for the future of our water. We live in a rural setting in the Kootenays, where water related issues are often at the forefront of political and social discussion between government, business and the public. It has recently come to my attention that the water act is on the table for amendment. Please consider my interest in, and my opinions on this matter.

The following are some key points that I would like to see included in the water act modernization plan:
That water be recognized as a human right, and owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to manage in the public interest;
That the inclusion of proper land management, namely with respect to resource extraction, be a significant part of this plan. The interests of big business should not supersede the public's right to clean water;
That First in Time First in Right should remain unchanged. This would hopefully ensure that
government can not remove water rights from established farms, water systems, and other uses;
That more public involvement be encouraged to further the process.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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