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Subject: public input

To LWS committee;
I am very concerned about the changes that might be made to the water act. This government lives by the philosophy that everthing in the province is to be used to improve the financial bottomline.
Water is too fundamental a life requirement to be left in the hands of business people. We are not empowered with the right or even the privilege of using or allocating every drop of water that exists in BC. The essence of my concern is this;

* that under the present water act there is no legal allocation of water to wildlife!
* There must be a significant portion of the water in every watershed that has or had a wildlife population, terrestrial, avian or aquatic, present or historic, that unalterably is for the "use" of wildlife.
* We have dessimateded many populations through development and have even seen how some can be strengthened or re-established when their habitat, and primarily the water component of the habitat, is again altered.
* Our own population has increased beyond a sustainable carrying capacity in many places and continues to increase its consumption completely oblivious to the natural limitations of the natural sytems that support life.
* We cannot continue to outsource our excessive demands onto new habitats in order to bend them to our frivolous wants. We must impose restrictions on our use of primary resources of which water is the most fundamental.
* We must not alter wild habitats and alienate the resources to unsustainable ends.

I see this water act review process as a justification of our excesses, and a re-allocation of a resource that is already over-allocated to human uses over other uses. I hope that the weaknesses of the previous law can be addressed and a water act that is better for all living things, and all environments will be the new outcome for BC.

Sincerely;
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