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Subject: Water Act Modernization proposal

To whom it may concern,

There are some areas of the proposed water act modernization that must be addressed before changes are made:

1.
Common water rights should be the guiding principle not predictable investment climate across the province". Our common water rights should not be for sale.

2.
Water is part of the public trust and is not owned by the government. Water must be recognized as a human right, and as part of the commons owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to be managed in the public interest, not corporate interest.

3.
Permits are not an acceptable option as they would negate common law water rights. The government should not be allowed determine 'priority of use'.

4.
How will our water supplies be protected from commercial use such as oil well drilling? These activities will use far more water than domestic users. If they are not included in 'water act modernization', then this is another move away from common rights toward commercial interests that I do not support.

5.
Watersheds should be legislated as reserves and we should have source water protection in place. Clean water is a precious commodity and it should be protected from the pollution generated by industrial activities.

6.
If this government is serious about democracy, there should be a broader public

input process instead of an insufficient 10 day review process.

Sincerely,

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