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Hello,

I would like to register my strong objections to the impending WAM:

* Our COMMON WATER RIGHTS should not be for sale.

* I do not trust the BC government to protect my rights, since it clearly has a prior commitment to corporate money. It is the governments DUTY to manage water for the public interest, not for corporate gain.

* BC DOES NOT OWN OUR WATER. We have COMMON LAW RIPARIAN WATER RIGHTS which are part of our public trust.

* I demand that the First In Time, First In principal be honoured and remain unchanged. I do not trust government to determine “priority of use”. Downgrading the FITIFR to permits is unacceptable.

* Why is it that domestic water use (0,2% of surface water allocation) will require a permit and water use for resource extraction receives no protection?

* WAM must not devolve water protection to other ministries (Forestry, Mining, Gas, Oil)!! Ministries should work together toward water conservancy, not abdicate responsibility by ‘delegating’.

* Watersheds must be legislated as RESERVES. Source water must be protected, especially from industrial activities.

* WAM deserves BROADER PUBLIC INPUT and REVIEW!!!!

Thank you,

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