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Subject: My views on water

I am pleased that the government is taking steps to manage BC's water. My concerns with BC's water and its management are as follows:

- many people do not understand how precious water is, and do not pay attention to water restrictions. it is not acceptable to wash a car every week when there are water restrictions in place, and many people water their lawn whenever they feel like it, or don't even know that restrictions are in place and when they are allowed to water their lawn. residents need to be more accountable for their actions regarding water.

- governments (regional and provincial) need to be more clear in their communication with residents. a small "water restrictions are in place" or "this thing regarding water happened" ad in a newspaper doesn't work any more. i haven't read a newspaper in over a year. notices need to be delivered to every resident through the mail system, signs need to be placed around communities to inform residents, or some other very visible/noticeable means of communicating to residents needs to be used.

- i am concerned with point #7: "Incentives are created for water conservation that consider the needs of users and investors". what are "investors"? I and many other people DO NOT want BC's water to be for sale. or if it is to be sold, it should be in small, controlled quantities with government regulations and checks in place. i realize that some bottled water is already exported, but this is very different than mass amounts of water being sold for pennies a litre to corporations that then turn around and sell it for extreme profits. if this water is from BC, the profits should be coming into BC and its residents, not corporations. PLEASE define "investors" better, it is too big a word and can lead to too many interpretations if left undefined.
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