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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am very pleased that government is considering modernizing the Water Act. However I am concerned about some issues that have been omitted in the discussion paper.

Please include protection of the watersheds which is vital to the health of streams.

Please include a Ministry of Water and some local government control.

I believe water is a sacred human right and is essential to all life. It is not a commodity which we can choose to acquire or not. All decisions around water must flow from this fundamental precept.

Water should not be exported or removed from a watershed area. Exporting bulk and bottled water need to stopped.

Ground water mapping should be done .

All wetlands need to be preserved from logging and any other human development. Please prioritize water use for agriculture and essential domestic needs during droughts.

Sincerely
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