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I am once again appalled at the arrogance of government and bureaucracy. It appears to me that every time there is a chance for corporations to make money (to the detriment of citizens), government and bureaucracy decide to "manage". They appear to have managed to deforest a great deal of the province; create devastation in Northern BC through oil extraction and all over BC through mining; threaten to the verge of extinction the fish inland and on our coast; and the list goes on. This is not management, it is gross mismanagement.

Successful societies have survived through proper management of recourses which look at sustainability and not short term fiscal reward. If society continues on this path we are doomed to go the way of the dinosaur.

In school we were taught that the basic needs of humans are water, food and shelter. Water is paramount - without it we have no means for survival. Money, which is a false, man-made means of trade will not guarantee survival. We cannot drink money, grow crops with money or shelter ourselves with money. We need to look at the real means for sustainability to be a successful society.

I agree with ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***, who makes the following points regarding WAM:

Do NOTHING, that is maintain the Status Quo governance model, until that can address citizen concerns as follows:

1) Watershed protection from resource extraction activities,

2) Commit provincial funding to implement any changes,

3) Full public consultation prior to introducing legislation to change the Water Act, or barring that a referendum on proposed changes to the Water Act

4) No changes to license status for domestic use (surface water or well licenses) ---that is, DO NOT change to a "permitted " use status due to potential loss of legal rights

5) Maintain FITFIR (first in time, first in right) as a working (not broken) self-limiting system that stops over-allocation of water supplies and deters commodification of water to new applicants for water with deep pockets to pay for rights

6) Include wording in the Water Act that acknowledges water as a human right, collectively OWNED by all as a common resource held by the Crown, and the government of the day responsibility to manage water as a public trust in the interest of the people.

7) Local decision making power on all water allocations (not just public consultation)

8) We do not need legislation to protect use from ourselves. We need legislation with teeth to protect our watersheds and pristine water

systems from resource extraction activities including IPPs (Independent Power Projects).

The world is at a crisis point. Now is the time to make good decisions to protect all living things which people the earth.

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