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To Whom it may concern,

I read through the government website and at first thought that what you are doing looks pretty good. Yes we do need to modernize how we protect, allocate and use water as it is obviously a valuable and increasingly limited resource.

However, knowing the Liberal Government's penchant for selling off our public common resources to private interests, often for a song (for example the infamous sell off of our rivers for private power generation with a requirement that we the BC public must by this new power at rates much higher than our publically owned BC hydro can generate it at), I get very worried when I read things like "predictable investment climate across the province".

It seems like we the people of BC are being primed for our water being sold off to the highest bidder. I can see a scenario where the people of BC will soon be required to pay for our water at rates that are "competitive" to what some big transnational corporation would pay. By the sounds of it this would include even modest use by country folks with a well. That is simply not acceptable. Water is a right of all living beings. Human beings need to take priority not private interests.

I strongly feel that we need a broader public imput in this process as well.

Sincerely,

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