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I have just learned about some of the reforms proposed modernization of the provincial water act.

This is outrageous. Chiefly, our common riparian water rights are part of the public common trust, a sacred position not to be tampered with. Water is a public right and is collectively owned. We entrust the government with resposible management of it. It is never to be handed over to corporate interests to profit from and tamper with as they see fit.

Watersheds must be legislated as reserves and source water must be protected from mining, gas and oil, and all other industrial activities.

Furthermore there must be a broader public input pertaining to our water. This unannounced 10-day review process is unacceptable and a disgrace in a democratic jurisdiction.

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