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First there is the need to state a basic truth - Water is life!!
It is a right of every person, creature and surrounding ecosystem to have access to clean water and it is in the interest of all of us that no-one have jurisdiction over the access or permissive use of such an essential life force.

Yes the Water Act needs to be looked at and carefully revised in consideration of the global situation and the potential for water to be turned into a comodity and a bargaining tool. This needs to be done in a way where the public is involved in every step of the process - not just presented with potential revisions and given a few months to submit comments on those revisions which they had no part in making.

Government needs to host several nation-wide meetings to "brain-storm" with the public about the situations facing us with global water shortages, how we want to prepare for this, how we want to participate in the sharing of water globally, and how we want our government to address our public concerns about encouraging water conservation, rain water collection, responsible use in the business/corporate sector and how the government plans to include public consultation regarding the use of water by sectors that are using it and possibly polluting it for profit.

The government is lacking a Water Act that accounts and acknowledges First Nations, the inclusion of traditional knowledge of the water systems and surrounding land, the proper conscideration of ecosystems and land regarding any resource extractions. We want to see the Water Act revision to include and ackowledge the importance of conscidering these and setting up proper consultation to ensure these are concidered before any actions.

The revisions to the First In Time First Right is not acceptable - to find out why it is not favored the government needs to tour the country and take notes. The revision to the Domestic Use licensing which would enable the government to "permit" the public to access what is alrerady our right and currently not under the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada to grant, is preposterous.

We want accountability and we want to be a part of this process...this consultation process has not had the media coverage or impact nor participation that is approporiate to properly revise and axpect us to agree to any changes to an Act affecting our life source.

Thank You for hearing my comments to what I would hope is a preliminary consultation process.

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