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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
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Water Act Modernization Program
Victoria, BC

Dear Planners:
<mailto:livingwatersmart@gov.bc.ca>
I strongly disagree that water management should have anything at all to do with the "investment climate" as suggested by number 5 and 7 on your website at http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/feedback.html

I am completely opposed to any run-of-river stream development projects in the province of British Columbia, and most particularly, with any involvement from the private sector.

I believe that we should continue with the publicly run and relatively inexpensive hydroelectric dam system that has served the province so well for the past 60 years. It ain't broke: DON'T FIX IT!

Keep the big corporations away from water. They learned this in 19th century London: do we have to regress back through time to relearn the lessons that water supply must be exclusively publicly owned and operated?

And please, if water conservation is to result in lower domestic consumption, consider this beneficial impact on Victoria's existing sewage system, which has been regularly monitored for decades, shows no harmful effects on public health or on the marine environment, and which should be even more satisfactory if water consumption drops.

Save our money for truly GREEN endeavors -- such as light rapid transit, urban gardens, ubiquitous bicycle lanes, and all those other good things that Europe is so far ahead in.

Sincerely,

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