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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my views on the WAM process. Please see the attached document outlining my preferred options and rationale.

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Please consider the following points which we believe are important aspects of the Water Act Modernization effort. We hope to see a new Water Act that reflects these points.

1. A water resources databank must be created. Funds need to be raised or allocated to support this initiative.
2. Require mandatory reporting of all water use (ie. Industrial, Commercial, Sector (Oil and Gas), Domestic, Recreational). The reporting system should be simple (ie. based on online reporting).
3. Universally obligatory metering of water withdrawal with strong enforcement inpriority areas.
4. Price of permits is determined by the amount of water withdrawn. Permit prices reflect incentives to conserve water resources. Revenue obtained from permits should generate funds for water efficiency measures, monitoring and databank development.
5. Licences are adjusted to changing conditions (ie. climate, population, etc).
6. Water resources are managed by an integrated water resources management approach at the watershed level.
7. A cumulative impact analysis of water withdrawals is necessary, which takes into consideration human uses, ecosystems services and climate change.
8. Local actors play a role in a monitoring water resources.
9. Local knowledge is incorporated into higher levels of government; local values, not industrial profiteering business models, inform water use decisions.
10. Industry is not the driver for setting standards and/or guidelines for water allocations. A collaborative stakeholder approach is necessary.
11. First Nations considerations must be incorporated into policy decisions.
12. The Water Act Modernization is not tabled unless a concerted effort is made to obtain a consensus from First Nations regarding their role in the Act.

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