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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Comments: Suggest extremely strict regulations on any power production on all streams and rivers and NO diversion of streams and water courses to feed into a power producer. Government must have in place enough inspectors to prevent abuse and to have them make public reports as to findings and consequences. the consequences cannot just be fines which adds to corrupt government coffers while violaters pay the fine and keep violating. We need laws with teeth.

EnviroFlow_Comments: The first option sounds like environmental regulations can be violated, WHO is the "decision maker" you are referring to?
Option B sounds too inflexible, again WHO are the decision makers If it is a panel of water specialists not a government appointed minister with no knowledge of the environment like we have now , option one could work, otherwise option 2 is the only way to protect the water from corrupt politicians.

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DecisionMaker_Comments: Again if the decision maker is qualified panel of specialists, not appointed by government, you could have some more flexibility in regulation. Plans are useless unless they lead to some degree of enactment, regulation and consequence. Maybe what we are really talking about is Laws. Do we need laws to protect what this plan is asking about? My answer is yes

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: Where it is required or necessary according to the panel of specialists and the water department and the public outcry from groups representing public interests.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: A public works plan (paid for by taxes) to clean up streams and dumping areas. Perpetrators that are caught can pay for the cost of that particular area. we need public employees that investigate and manage cleanups as they must be done in a way that doesnt cause further damage.

Goal2_Support: Strongly Support

Goal2_Comments: on option B, whenever I hear "partner" spoken of by government I believe they are selling off our resources and making their friends rich. What does option B mean by "partner"

Goal2_Options: Delegated

GovernanceFundingSolutions: the government can actually spend the taxes on what the people need

Accountability: posting it on(something that is easy to find) internet for the public to see

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: We must have very strict guidelines and laws to protect our water resources. Producing power with water is an obsolete idea considering the damage that can be done. We have plenty of land and space for wind farms that have way less impact. I totally disagree with private enterprise being able to build power plants on our water sources. this is often in very isolated places where no one is watching. No one is being appointed or hired to watch that amount of private and hidden power plants. Bad Idea

Goal3_Support: Strongly Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Review rules for transfer and apportionment

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use consistent

PermittedUseConsiderations: We need clear and definitive laws and the personnel to enforce them.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Seek consent

Flexibility_Support: Strongly Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Discretional

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: In option D, do you mean there is no protection of ecosystem values at present?

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Water Management Planning upon request

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Thresholds_Comments: restrictions on how many share an aquifer

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

FedAndProvLegIntegration: I would like the water act to have laws attached to it and a branch to carry out and implement those laws. I also think small sewage systems outflowing to lakes is a very poor idea, the monitoring is inadequate at best. Sewage should be funnelled into high tech cleaning systems not possible on small scale.

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: This question should be asked of a panel of independent experts

AffectOnCommunity: in many ways since my community is on stream and ground water exclusively

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: keep community input as a permanent (and online) part of a water ministry AND someone who reports what has been said and gets back to people.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: keep iinformation available to the public and integrate government, community, scientists and country values.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: information is power

WhatHaveWeMissed: I found this survey a little hard to find. Post information where it is easy to find. Ask a non computer tech if they find it easy to find. I am glad you had this survey it is a great step in the right direction. Let me know if you got this survey from me