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Principles_Support: Neutral

Principles_Comments: I can not foresee how issues such as water sales and privatization of the provision of public water will be treated; I am ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to the sale of water or to privatization of the provision of public water.

Goal1_Support: Neutral

Goal1_Comments: WHO will determine "environmental flow needs" - those who want access to the water?
WHO will measure the "environmental flows and water available for consumptive use"?
WHO determines that "habitat and riparian area protection provisions are enhanced"?

EnviroFlow_Comments: WHO determines the "environmental flow recommendations"? If they are set low enough, there will be no protection.

DecisionMaker_Comments: If the Water Allocation Plan is weak enough, following it will not be a problem.

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: Since water availability changes, developing a Plan is an exercise that can be manipulated to suit those in/with power.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Neutral

Goal2_Comments: There is no indication of who has priority for water rights. This needs to be clearly stated. It doesn't matter what approach is taken; what matters is that the approach can not be influenced by those who would benefit from the outcome of the decisions being made.

Goal3_Support: Neutral

Goal3_Comments: There is no mention of the sale of water. This needs to be addressed directly.

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: The issue of SELLING WATER (or trading it away) has not been dealt with and needs to be!

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: Whichever option is adopted to "encourage administrative efficiency", STRONG penalties need to be stated and clearly and they need to be used WHENEVER infractions occur.

PermittedUseConsiderations: WHATEVER system is adopted, again, STRONG PENALTIES SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR INFRACTIONS.

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: Again, WHATEVER options are chosen, STRONG PENALTIES/PUNISHMENTS must be applied to those who contravene the Act.

Flexibility_Support: Neutral

Flexibility_Comments: Under no circumstances should SELLING WATER OUTSIDE OF OUR PROVINCE be considered (ie "to use water for a higher economic purpose")

WaterAllocationSystem_Comments: The interpretation of FITFIR could be open to too many options.

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: A "Hierarchy of uses" would be desirable --- as long as the hierarchy is correctly ordered.

Goal4_Support: Neutral

Thresholds_Comments: Large groundwater withdrawals must not include selling water outside of BC. The NAFTA implications (and perhaps other trade agreement implications) could destroy our access to water.

PriorityAreas_Options: Significant population

PriorityAreas_Comments: Under no circumstances should water be extracted for sale or trade outside of BC.

WhatHaveWeMissed: It is curious that there was no mention of selling or trading water outside of BC. The trade implications of doing this would be enormous.