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Principles_Support: Disagree

Principles_Comments: I find some of the language in these principles troubling. For example, what does "sustainable limits" mean? Also, is it actually possible to provide a "predictable investment climate" when working with nature. Further, language recognizing water as being exhaustible vulnerable resource that is necessary for life is not mentioned. There is also no mention of wildlife within these principles. The recognition of ecosystems and natural capital should be taken into account.
I appreciate the recognition that various levels of government need to be involved in any discussion about water. It is important to recognize the need for consistency amongst various levels of government as well as within the community and by water use sectors. For example, how effective will WAM be when legislation around industry practices eg. forestry, mining is not in harmony with the new Water Act? As well, how will these principles be implemented and by who?
The social and cultural practices of First Nations peoples are recognized, but not their economic interests.

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Comments: Variable across province. Needs to reflect this.

Goal2_Options: Shared

Goal3_Comments: We need to be able to adapt as information and changes arise. Conservation practices need to be followed and ecosystem health is of the utmost importance.

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Sharing

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process