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ContactMethod: Post

Principles_Support: Strongly Disagree

Principles_Comments: What Science? Science based on Alberta's Tar Sands' scandalous affairs which claims to be legal?

Goal1_Support: Neutral

EnviroFlow: Standards

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DumpingProhibition: Maintain

DumpingProhibition_Comments: Are you trying to protect streams and rivers or exploit them? Are you going to allow Mines to dump their wastes? or Oil and gas policies? where are the limits to our own resources?

Goal2_Comments: Industry should have no rights to our watersheds, they need to be held in the commons for the commons.

Accountability: If a tribe or First Nations Group owns the land there should be no doubt that they have first priority on the land and resources available. Even if they are down stream from a development they should have protection against developers dumping sewage and effluent causing cancer and disease.

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: FITFIR

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Priority date

WaterScarcityPermanent_Comments: I'm not interested in Water licences except in the case of Big Business where they should be turned down unless their case is completely ecologically sound. I'm not talking about repairing the damage caused but not causing any damage in the first place.

FedAndProvLegIntegration: Water should be a right, not a commodity. DROP this principle of "predictable investment climate across the province" from Water Act Modernization (WAM). OUR COMMON WATER RIGHTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: Your attempt to â commercializeâ water is abominable. You make no attempt at comprehensive review, passing the buck that it is in another ministry, â not your departmentâ . Do a correct review or you will face the ire of the public for a blatant attempt at grabbing the water from the common (people).

AffectOnCommunity: We currently have COMMON LAW Riparian Water Rights, which is part of our public trust. I demand that water be recognized as a human right and

part of the commons owned collectively by all and held in trust by government to be managed in the public interest, not corporate interest!

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: s for allocating or dispensing water based on "a higher economic purpose", there is no higher purpose for water than domestic needs. PEOPLE FIRST!! Current water licenses, which are based on 'first in time, first in right' (FITIFR), if they are allowed to be downgraded to a 'permit', would negate our common law water rights, and allow government to determine 'priority of use'. 'PERMITS' ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: If your commitee really wanted to look at water conservancy it would unite the water policies of various government Ministries and work toward this goal. Water conservancy starts right at the source, at the watershed. Your review needs to start there also.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: WATERSHEDS SHOULD BE LEGISLATED AS RESERVES AND SOURCE WATER PROTECTED! SURFACE AND GROUND WATER PROTECTION FROM ALL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF WATER MANAGEMENT. Your commitee seems focused on the reverse. Do NOT devolve water protection to various other Ministries (Acts).

WhatHaveWeMissed: Do NOT devolve water protection to various other Ministries (Acts).

I strongly feel that we need a broader public imput of this process instead of this unanounced 10 day review process. This smacks as a sneaky underhanded water resource grab for corporations. Shame on you.