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Subject: Water Act

I am deeply concerned about the passing of the new BC Water Act without sufficient public input for a number of reasons. Of particular concern, however, is a lack of confidence that a number of very important issues will be positively addressed. Some of these include:

* That there will be strong, enforceable (and enforced) standards for protecting water, stream health, wetlands and watersheds.
* That land use will be an integral part of the Act
* The Water Act will not devolve uses and protections to other acts (Section 9 of the Water Act devolves water protection to various other Ministries Acts (Forestry, Mining, Gas & Oil))
* That there will bea priority placed on water conservation rather than allocation and supply management.
* Watershed Reserves must be re-established for source protection from resource extraction activities to help protect our drinking water supplies.
* Whether The Water Act will adequately recognize the right of non-human species to adequate water.

Thank you for your shared interest in protecting our most valuable resource.

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