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Please do not moemize the water act based on the following reasons . Thank you for registering my comments .

- 1) Watershed protection from resource extraction activities,
- 2) Committed provincial funding to implement any changes,
- 3) Full public consultation prior to introducing legislation to change the Water Act, or barring that a referendum on proposed changes to the Water Act
- 4) No changes to license status for domestic use (surface water or well licenses)
---that is, DO NOT change to a "permitted " use status due to potential loss of legal rights
- 5) Maintain FITFIR (first in time, first in right) as a working (not broken) self-limiting system that stops over-allocation of water supplies and deters commodification of water to new applicants for water with deep pockets to pay for rights
- 6) Include wording in the Water Act that acknowledges water as a human right, collectively OWNED by all as a common resource held by the Crown, and the government of the day responsibility to manage water as a public trust in the interest of the people.
- 7) Local decision making power on all water allocations (not just public consultation)
- 8) We do not need legislation to protect use from ourselves. We need legislation with teeth to protect our watersheds and pristine water systems from resource extraction activities including IPPs (Independent Power Projects).

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