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**To:** Living Water Smart ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Letter to MoE re: Proposed Water Act Modernization

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter sent on behalf of John McManus of Taseko Mines Limited; a hard copy will follow via mail.

Regards,

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Via Email: [livingwatersmart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:livingwatersmart@gov.bc.ca) (Original to Follow by Mail)

Dear WAM Innovation and Planning Team,

Taseko Mines Limited is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the Ministry of Environment's Policy Proposal (the proposal) for the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA). Taseko operates the Gibraltar Mine near McLeese Lake, BC.

Taseko Mines believes that BC's supply of clean fresh water is a tremendous resource that will provide benefits to society for years to come and should be protected and maintained for the benefit of future generations. We also believe that predictable access to water is a competitive advantage that we can use to help build a strong BC economy and will help reinforce the renaissance that is currently underway in BC's mining industry.

The Mining Association of BC (MABC) recently submitted a response to the proposal and Taseko would like to take this opportunity to put our full support behind the opinions expressed within the MABC submission.

As stated by MABC, the proposal does not contain a sufficient level of detail to allow our company to understand and anticipate the potential implications that would come from implementing the policy directions contained in the proposal. We encourage the BC government to hold additional consultation sessions as the next level of detail is developed and prior to proceeding to the legislative drafting stage.

Taseko Mines Limited is eager to work with the Ministry of Environment in whatever way possible to ensure that the modernization of the Water Act is successful in ensuring the long term sustainability of our water resource while maintaining predictable access to that resource to help build our economic future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Regards,

**TASEKO MINES LIMITED**



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