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**Subject:** Proposed changes in the BC Water Act

To Whom it may concern:

Increasing water license fees across the board to promote the conservation of water in BC makes little sense when it applies to Small ROR hydro Power developments such as Canoe Creek Hydro owned by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation. 100% of the water that is diverted through our power plant is returned to creek unchanged. ROR power projects don't consume water so increasing fees to encourage conservation will place an additional burden upon our's and other First Nation small hydro projects.

We strongly encourage the Province of BC to exempt ROR Hydro projects that produce electricity for BC consumers from such a increase. We will be working with other First Nations who are currently using and not consuming water to produce electricity or who are developing investments in ROR projects to make their voices known to the government on this issue.

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