Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:24 PM

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Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of B.C.'s water.

Sincerely,

Lindsay McPherson

From: ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 10:46 PM

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Dear Minister Coell, Mr. Slater, and the Living Water Smart team:

Re the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act.

I am grateful for and dependent on our water resources and concerned about their long-term protection. I want the new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water as a publicly-owned resource.

To that aim, I want you to draft the legislation so that it unequivocally asserts the public ownership of water. No loopholes.

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Please work a lot harder on behalf of B.C.'s water and its citizens and wildlife, incl. fish, which depend on that water.

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Dear Minister Coell, Mr. Slater, and the Living Water Smart team:

I am writing to share my concerns about the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act.

I have lived in BC for over 35 years, and I am deeply concerned about the lack of long-term protection of our precious water resources. This is an urgent matter: the new legislation needs to rigorously protect our BC water as a publicly-owned resource.

I would like the legislation to be drafted to unequivocally assert the public ownership of water.

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Sharon Laughlin

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As a resident of British Columbia, I treasure our water resources and concerned about their long-term protection.

I think it criticalthe new legislation be more rigorous in its protection of water as a publicly-owned resource.

With that in mind I expect the legislation to be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the public ownership of water.

The legislation needs to be clear that any water rights are TEMPORARY, and that water is maintained as a PUBLIC resource.

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Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 9:05 AM

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Our water resources are an incredibly valuable resource here is BC, and I am concerned about their long-term protection. For this to happen, it is important that new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water as a PUBLICLY owned resource. Thus, it is imperative that the legislation to be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the PUBLIC ownership of water.

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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: the water act needs more work!

Dear Minister Coell, Mr. Slater, and the Living Water Smart team:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act.

As a resident of British Columbia, I am thankful for our water resources, aware of the growing importance of safe, clean, and healthy water sources and concerned about their long-term protection.

I would like the new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water as a publicly-owned resource.

To that aim, I would like the legislation to be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF WATER!!!!!!!

The legislation needs to be clear that water rights are TEMPORARY, and that water is a PUBLIC resource.

The legislation should include a commitment to conducting assessments of watershed function BEFORE new water use allocations (licences) are given, and regular assessments of current licenses.

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Dear Minister Coell, Mr. Slater, and the Living Water Smart team:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act.

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More so, I appreciate your and your teams' efforts in drafting the WSA and the improvements you've already made over Water Act BC. Please address the key issues mentioned above so that the WSA serves us even better.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of B.C.'s water.

with respect,

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Dear Minister Coell, Mr. Slater, and the Living Water Smart team:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act.

As a former resident of British Columbia, I am thankful for the province's water resources and concerned about their long-term protection.

I would like the new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water as a publicly-owned resource.

To that aim, I would like the legislation to be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the public ownership of water.

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I know this has been said before BUT

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PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED

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The legislation should include a commitment to conducting assessments of watershed function BEFORE new water use allocations (licences) are given.

It needs to legally establish "minimum" environmental flow standards in each major river or stream system.

It should establish a regulatory system to ensure people don't waste water, to mandate conservation during times of drought, and to prioritize water uses based on societal criteria.

It should establish regulations for groundwater extractions in chronic problem areas.

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As a resident of British Columbia, I am thankful for our water resources and concerned about their long-term protection.

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As a resident of British Columbia, I am thankful for our water resources and concerned about their long-term protection.

I would like the new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water as a publicly-owned resource. Given that we do not, and cannot at this point, fully realise the effects and consequences of climate change, we do know that water resources and usage of those resources will be impacted.

I believe it is vital that the legislation be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the public ownership of water.

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As a resident of B.C., I am concerned for our water resources and their long-term protection.

I would like the new legislation to be more rigorous in its protection of water, particularly as a publicly-owned resource.

To that aim, I would like the legislation to be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the public ownership of water. This must be a primary concern of the act.

The legislation needs to be clear that water rights are temporary, and that water is a PUBLIC resource.

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I appreciate this opportunity to comment on this policy.

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Water is a very primary societal issue. Water is at the very core of survival for all of us. It is imperative that we keep it clean and public.

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As a resident of British Columbia, I am very concerned about the long-term protection of our water resources.

As for the Policy Proposal for a new B.C. Water Sustainability Act, it is my contention that the new legislation must be more rigorous in its protection of water. I am asking you to commit to conducting assessments of things such as watershed functions before new water use allocations are handed out.

It is very important that legislation be drafted so that it unequivocally asserts the PUBLIC OWNERSHIP of water.

The legislation needs to be clear that water rights are TEMPORARY, and that water is a PUBLIC resource. Moreover, it needs to legally establish "minimum" environmental flow standards in each major river or stream system.

They should also establish regulations concerning groundwater extractions in areas which are chronically problematic.

It should also establish a regulatory system to ensure people don't waste water, to mandate conservation during times of drought, and to prioritize water uses based on societal criteria.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this policy proposal document, and thank you in advance for all your efforts on behalf of British Columbia's water.

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Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 6:08 PM

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Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 8:29 AM

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