

Agricultural Land Commission

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Water Sustainability Act Ministry of Environment Water Protection and Sustainability Branch PO Box 9362 Stn Prov Gov Victoria, BC V8W 9M2

Water Sustainability Act for BC Consultation Re:

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) supports the concept of the Agricultural Water Reserve (AWR) as a key to encouraging and sustaining agricultural activity on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands in British Columbia. As part of the ALC's mandate to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming of ALR lands, it is supportive of measures that ensure a farmers' rights to access water are maintained and improved via this new legislation.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

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