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To whom it may concern :

The new Water Act must not discourage the use of water for the production of food. As everyone knows , growing crops depends on the availability of ample supplies of clean water. Farmers do not waste water as that will only increase their costs. As technology develops , more efficient use of water will be made.

Farmers cannot bear any additional costs affiliated with this new act.

I also ,hope that municipalities with have controls when it comes to the conservation of water. My farm is surrounded by development and has been the recipient of mismanagement of water . The thought has been to put the runoff water in a pipe and get rid of it. This water could be used to help recharge the aquifer. Also, runoff water ends up on farmland where it could cause crop damage or pollution because of erosion due to high volumes of water coming off of developed areas. During summer months , municipalities are doing excessive watering with the result that much of the water is ending up in the storm drain because of poor sprinkler design or having automated timers which don't take into account a recent heavy rain.

Thank you, Guy Sim