

Subject: BC WATER BELONGS TO B.C. CITIZENS NOT CORPORATIONS AND NOT THE BC GOVERNMENT

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:37 AM

We "the people" demand that you listen to and implement our views as is your sworn duty as a government OF THE PEOPLE. You WILL NOT allow our water to be wasted, squandered, polluted and otherwise disrespected. If you DO ... the price for you personally will be HIGH.

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Kelowna

Subject: Water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:37 AM

I am desperately anxious that this country will have protection for its water when my eight grandchildren are grown up.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:35 AM

We should share what we have, but bottling water is stupid.

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Cranbrook, BC

Subject: B.C. Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:34 AM

Public interest must take precedence over profits.

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Armstrong B.C.

Subject: BC's proposed water legislation.
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:34 AM

I am horrified to read that Multinationals have carte blanche to take our water, Who makes the decision on applications for water licences? Let us, or rather our elected representatives, control the use of water in BC, and let us also have the right to put time limits on the licences

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:30 AM

The water belongs to the planet and all the living creatures that inhabit it.

"Control" of water should be as grassroots as possible.

Please do not allow any rights to be given to the corporations for money and greed.

Water is far too precious, no amount of money is a good enough trade. You cannot drink money.

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Chemainus BC

Subject: ABUSE OF OUR PRECIOUS WATER
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:26 AM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am very upset that this or any government would allow the unrestricted withdrawal of our PRECIOUS WATER as PRECIOUS as the AIR we BREATH . I would not support any government that would allow this ABUSE of water to continue.

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Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:15 AM

Make million dollar companies pay Canadians pay for the water they take from BC and elsewhere for free. They then sell it back to us! What is right about this?

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Richmond, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:13 AM

I am very happy to see the word Sustainability in the title of the act. Unfortunately there is too much corporate socialism in the draft. There are some big and powerful companies whose business processes use water, other big and powerful companies that sell water. Presently there are insufficient safeguards to ensure these companies do not overuse or contaminate the water they use. There are insufficient safeguards to ensure the companies processes do not contaminate water they do not use due to leaching. The new act needs to address these basic concerns or the word Sustainability might as well be removed from the title of the act.

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Campbell River

Subject: BC WATER LEGISLATION

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:10 AM

We need to charge corporations removing ground water more than the pittance now proposed. Water is a precious commodity that belongs to the people of this province and not to corporations regardless of what it is to be used for.

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DELTA

Subject: Fair use of water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:42 AM

If ordinary citizens have to pay for their water services, why should companies get water for free? This is unfair. Big corporations who want to use our water should have to pay for it, just as ordinary residents do.

If any harm comes to the environment as a result of water use, the company causing that harm should have to pay a penalty commensurate with the amount of damage done.

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Dawson Creek, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:36 AM

We in the Cowichan Valley are very encouraged by the provision for local control by a community over activities in our watershed. The Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable meets monthly and includes representation from Provincial and Federal government agencies, Cowichan Tribes, The Cowichan Watershed Board, Local Government, local industries and several stewardship and conservation groups. The CSR has been meeting and sharing information for ten years and has tremendous expertise on our watershed. Recent studies have been completed on the anticipated effects of climate change on our valley and the impact of water use on agricultural activities here. We are very well positioned for some form of local decision making about our water resources. We also have the will in our community, as demonstrated by petitions circulated by the citizens group One Cowichan and resolutions of support for local watershed management from the Cowichan Tribes Band Council, CVRD Regional Services Committee, City of Duncan Council and Town of Lake Cowichan Council. We look forward to finding a way to secure some decision making capability in our community.

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Duncan BC

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Subject: Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:36 AM

I believe that our water should not be for sale or given away, to some rich guy, to make millions off of selling it to countries like china who are hording it to sell. Water should be free for all like it has been minus, and not sold for, the profits of the "VERY FEW" like "NESTLE" for instance! No more of that, that's what I mean, it should be against the law, except for those who really need it, and only then, without selling it for profit!

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Qualicum Beach, BC

Subject: Water sustainability act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:35 AM

I don't know the details or pretend to understand the changes and the effects these changes will have. Im busy in my life with kids and work. I do understand though that the government and the people that represent me have an obligation to protect our resources and access to clean water, land and air for current and future generations. These things are not at the expense of corporate agendas and profits that will leave when there is nothing left. I demand that the govt be held accountable for mismanagement and destruction of our resources and that they start managing them with the future generations in mind, not short sighted profits.

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Vancouver BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:33 AM

I would like the new Water Sustainability Act to put the needs of the citizens of B.C. above those of corporations. I would like to see communities given control over the use of their own groundwater resources. Limits must be placed on how much water a licensee is allowed to use--and, please, no fracking!

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British Columbia

Subject: Water Sustainability

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:23 AM

B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits.

I am concerned that the proposed amendments are not motivated by this essential principle.

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Gabriola

Subject: water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:23 AM

Please honour the wishes of the citizens of BC, over the wishes of the corporations regarding the creation of a new legislation for our precious resource of water. It is time! It is well overdue!

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Kelowna BC

Subject: Save our water with strict legislation before it is too late!

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:22 AM

Why do we always "close the barn door AFTER the horse has escaped?" This is exactly what we shall be doing if we do not take swift and immediate action by rewriting our water legislation NOW.

If you do not do it for yourselves, do it for the future generations, YOUR children, YOUR grandchildren etc. We must NOT go down in history as the generation that allowed these corporate companies to suck all of our groundwater up FOR FREE and with NO restrictions or laws.

The human race really has to start governing its' place on this planet that we share with so many other species. We are really only part of a whole system that is very fragile. We must stop allowing our natural resources to be depleted by big corporations.

Please take immediate action to stop this destruction of one of our natural and extremely important to life resources. Establish strong laws on how much can be taken at a time and also make them pay.....this water belongs to ALL of us not just the big corporations so they can make larger profits!

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Penticton, B.C.

Subject: Water Sustainability Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:16 AM

No private company should profit free or otherwise by using our water any way they like. Please protect our descendants from such gouging now and in perpetuity.

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Coquitlam, B.C.

Subject: Re-writing the Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:12 AM

Throughout the world, water is the most essential and precious commodity. Canada is blessed with an abundant supply. While I have no problem sharing with those less fortunate, I believe it is essential that we have total control over those with whom we share. Priority must be given to Canadians, including First Nations, for domestic use; for Canadian companies for their industrial needs, particular attention being given to protecting water quality to ensure we cherish the environment. There have been too many instances of industrial discharge of harmful chemicals into formally pristine rivers. In my opinion, no corporation should use water from any source without consultation with, and permission from, those likely to be affected. Payment of a fee for the privilege should be implemented, based on the quantity of water needed, and metered. In the event of any abuse of that privilege, withdrawal of that permission would, I believe, be more effective than fines. Effluent!

discharged into waterways should also be monitored, with suitably stiff consequences imposed on any organization which exceeded acceptable levels.

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Vancouver, B.C.

Subject: New Water Legislation in BC
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:11 AM

It's time to put the community, flora and fauna first. Corporate profits are not a priority when it comes to water. Rewrite the legislation with current needs being protected. Do not allow corporations for freely take and pollute as they feel. Protect the water, for everything and everyone else depends on it.

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Guelph, Ontario

Subject: Monitoring for Carrying Capacity
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:59 AM

If we don't know how much water is in a groundwater aquifer how can we determine how much can be used? Savary Island is the most highly subdivided island in BC. This 1100 acre island has over 1700 lots, the majority of which are 1/3 of an acre in size. Development is now at approximately 50% of those lots with approx. 400 dwellings having been constructed over the last 20 years. Since the Tupper Report in '94 we have not been able to secure well monitors to determine how much water we are tapping into. Further, the plethora of wells that have been drilled during this time are not being registered or properly logged as we cannot obtain information regarding the geological strata. Legislation must be more proactive in identifying Carrying Capacity of a given aquifer. Without the data we are drinking and driving with our eyes shut.

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Savary Island

Subject: New Water Legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:39 AM

Dear Premier Clark

Our water is our own. Industry cannot be given priority over citizen use and environmental concerns. Let our legislation reflect Canadian values, not political expediency. Public access to clean, fresh water will do far more for our economy in the long run than short sighted boom and bust industries like oil and gas.

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Victoria BC

Subject: Sustainable Environment requires an informed water management act.

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:23 AM

We are residents in a valley that draws its drinking and fire suppression water from an aquifer at the base of the valley near a seven kilometre lake. A good number of the residents see the water source as endless and infinite while a good number of us realize that this perception can only be guaranteed if the annual snow fall is adequate to maintain the volume of water in the aquifer and the lake. This is I am sure a common perception in many communities across B.C. and our community water plan issues are probably quite similar to others.

This situation is a microcosm of a the large and more complex problem. Allowing this kind of misinformed perception remain in world where global warming will reduce the likelihood of endless supply of clean and plentiful water supply is sheer folly but there are those who, needless to say can not be convinced. So for the sake of good clean water we must have bi-partisan community and scientific consultation inform the politic acts that we all have to live by !

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Stump Lake, B.B.

Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:01 AM

The water belongs to all of us equally. No one should be allowed to hoard, sell or foul our water for personal gain.

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Gabriola BC

Subject: water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 6:53 AM

Please be careful with water licenses for industrial use. Public interests and environmental aspects should have a priority.

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Rose Prairie, BC

Subject: Water for free

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 6:06 AM

Free access to water is a fundamental right ; not a privilege or something we should have to pay for.

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Golden BC

Subject: Water Sustainability act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 7:43 AM

I think we need a Royalty on water one that is progressive in two ways first the more you consume the higher the rate increases, secondly if the use of the fresh water results in a by product of contaminated water, just like used oil there needs to be a way of treating the contamination or a fee so someone else can.

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Fort St James BC

Subject: New Legislation re Water Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 7:43 AM

B.C.'s current Water Act is over 100 years old. It doesn't protect our water from corporate freeloaders such as Nestlé is doing near Hope, BC. They are able to withdraw as much groundwater as they like free of charge. You now have the opportunity to help write new legislation.

The B.C. government has proposed a new Water Sustainability Act. While the proposed legislation is an improvement over the current law, it is still business as usual when it comes to industrial use.

I have until November 15 to submit comments, concerns and suggestions. Here they are.

B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. We need a law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water. I want to submit my comments now to help rewrite the Water Sustainability Act so that it fully protects our water for the next 100 years.

Please support strong legislation to protect our water supplies from flagrant unlimited free access.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Comox, BC ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

Subject: Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 7:23 AM

Hello,

It has come to my attention that a new Water Sustainability Act has been proposed, and I would like to offer my comments for review. Determining beneficial uses must prioritize public interests, not having limits on water use per license is cause for concern, saline water is not included in groundwater regulation, who will make the decisions for the license applications, and if remediation is seen as necessary for the future, perhaps we should lessen those activities that would require it. Thank you.

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Victoria

Subject: The new water sustainability act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 7:22 AM

Clean water is a basic human right. Water licenses under the new act must be prioritized with the public interest and environmental interest first and foremost when determining 'beneficial uses. This includes a need for strict environmental flow regulation and the need for strict limits on water licenses. Regulation of water use by the oil and gas industries must respond to the aforementioned and include very harsh penalties for infractions. These must include overuse, contamination of groundwater and ongoing remediation of all sites until full health of the area has been achieved. Corporate use of water should include significantly higher licensing fees for use than any fee incurred by the public. Water can never be used as a market item to be bought, sold or traded.

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Powell River

Subject: BC water conservation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 5:59 AM

I was born and raised in BC. And I own a home in BC. I am concerned that our precious groundwater is not being adequately guarded against the plundering of commercial interests. Please ensure that you put citizens needs ahead of corporate greed.

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Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Subject: Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 5:51 AM

I feel strongly that the new Water Sustainability Act should include protection of drinking water from free unlimited access to corporations.

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Telkwa, BC

Subject: Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 6:33 AM

I'm glad there will be a new water act, but have several concerns. One is that communities should have the right to plan water use in their area, making sure there will be enough for the future in terms of human use and to maintain ecosystems.

There need to be limits in the licensing of industrial use of water in BC.

There are other concerns as well, including the demands of oil and gas industries - the main thing is that we need to put people and the environment before big business.

Thanks

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 6:19 AM

Dear Legislators,

I wish to convey my concerns about the proposed Water Sustainability Act. B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. A law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water.

In particular I am concerned about industrial use of water such as fracking, which depletes the potable water supply for communities in the regions where shale oil and natural gas extraction is occurring. These industrial practices contaminate the water table for generations to come, with the health of local people at risk.

When you are considering this proposed legislation, I hope you will put strong safeguards for environmental assessment ahead of any industrial use of this vital resource for the health and well-being of communities. In addition there must be appropriate measures to hold corporations to account for any contamination of drinking water and water for wildlife. Responsibility for this ruination, and any expenses for decontamination, must rest solely with the corporations involved. Taxpayers like me should not bear any financial burden related to cleanup or decontamination of our public water resources.

Sincerely,
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North Vancouver, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 3:24 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply concerned about the sustainability of BC's clean water. There is the obvious issue of water been overused and polluted by hydrolic fracturing. In addition, it is absolutely unacceptable that corporations pay nothing for the water they exploit. A prime example is Nestle. Nestle takes drinking water for FREE from the water supply in Hope and then bottles and turns around and sells it for a huge profit. This has to stop. They should be paying for the water they use. Period.

Rob Gordon
Delta, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: *****Personal Identifiers Removed*****
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 2:53 AM

with all the talk of our disappearing water supply these days I find it amazing how much of it is just ,it seems there for the taking.in other words another of our not , unlimited natural resources being pillaged with no thought of rembersument to the owners, the people of B C .i'm sorry but the time of the free ride for companies and corporations is passed. if you want to use the resource , pay for it. it's that simple.

david belcher
victoria , bc v9a1l1

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 11:54 PM

I HUGELY support protecting our water from corporate use. I don't mean that we should charge for it. I mean that we should protect it!
However, we need to guard against carrying this law so far that farmers will have to license their dugouts (on their own land) and pay fees to the government in order to keep that license.

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108 Mile Ranch, B.C.

Subject: Protect B.C.'s water from corporate freeleoaders

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2013 12:00 AM

There are always dangers in taking things fore granted, and availability of fresh water is one. How drastic would the impact on our fresh water supply be should water become either a commodity for markets or unrestricted for free use by companies in either their product or their production.

I have just read an article by Larry Brown dealing with the fears we should feel with regard to the impact of CETA on all aspects of Canadian life. One wonders how we can stop this agreement, though we have been given to understand that it will not come into full agreement for a couple of years. If there is not a strong push to stop it, more than the push that is being exerted to pass it, we can well fear that this is not the agreement that Canada needs to help all aspects of our democratic way of life. We need our MPP's to act lustily to effect decisions in our government that will lead to the withdrawal of this ill conceived agreement.

News such as this may not always find its way into the small local news papers that find their ways into apartments, offices, and restaurants, to name a few of the places where such papers may be picked up and quickly scanned, or even taken home for longer reading. It might be an introduction to the real world out there for casual occasional readers, people who will be among the voters at the next election. They do not need a detailed presentation, but something that catches their attention. Once young people and seniors and all those between can snatch the hook of curiosity, they can seek more information and understanding. Thus an informed pro active population can be its own salvation.

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Sidney, BC

Subject: Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 11:49 PM

I feel that the use of water which sustains all life is crucial to our future. Nothing can exist without water. To hand over the water to a huge conglomerate like Nestle is ridiculous. We are paying for the water that is the right of every citizen to be able to use... the water provided by the Creator to sustain us. Nobody should be able to profit 100% from the natural waters that belong with the land on which we live. If Nestle are to have the use of this water then they should pay for it but bottled water creates so much pollution with the plastic bottles that it should be discouraged at all costs. The natural waters are there for the people and should be there for the communities and not a corporation's profits. Water legislation should put the people first and not the big rich companies that pay nothing or a pittance for the water.

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Chilliwack, B.C.

Subject: British Columbia's government's proposed new Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 11:24 PM

Protecting quality and quantity of British Columbia's supply of water so that its fundamental purpose, to sustainably support the lives of humans and other species, should be the government's only priority.

The climate is changing; our glaciers are melting and patterns of precipitation are changing to the extent that we can no longer assume that there will be enough water to support the increased demand coming from industry that the government is presently promoting. Also, the very purposes for which water licenses are being issued are needing serious study before more irreparable damage to water systems, such as from hydraulic fracturing, oil extraction and commercial bottled water extraction, occurs. Once water systems are contaminated, environmental offsets will not be of any value.

Charging fees for usage even if they were to be concomitant to the value of the quantity extracted would not justify the irresponsible abuse of British Columbia's water resources. It would also not address the need for strict environmental flows requirements.

An independent body of scientifically qualified hydrologists should be established to govern over the determining, writing, and enforcing of a New Water Sustainability Act.

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Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia

Subject: Our Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 10:38 PM

The operative is 'OUR'. It does not belong to Corporations or the government and it should not be for sale. Stop giving it away and start protecting it. B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. A law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water.

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kelowna, bc

Subject: water sales

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 10:32 PM

Under no circumstances should water from B.C. sources, wells, springs, streams or lakes be sold or given to anyone, any private or public company, or any government for any commercial profit.

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Ymir, B.C.

Subject: New Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 10:25 PM

Christie Clark, Premier of B.C.
Our water is precious! In the future, we do not know how much more of it we will need. Industry and Big Business must be charged a lot for what they use. For instance, Nestle is using millions of liters of our water, free of charge, and charging high prices for their products containing our water. The citizens of B.C. and our government receive nothing in return.

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Vancouver, B. C. Canada

Subject: water and FRACKING

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 10:24 PM

It seems ironic that the government is even considering a new Water Sustainability Act when they are pushing with all there political might to endorse fracking as the method to extract natural gas, considering the enormous amounts of water that will be permanently polluted in the process.

If they truly are sincere about ending exploitation of our natural resources, (such as the corporate free loader Nestle has done) what protection will they offering that will eliminate the complete waste of water used for tracking?

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Nanaimo, BC

Subject: Water Sustainabilty Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:17 PM

Please charge industrial users of B.C. water a proper rate - one applicable to this century. Letting industrial users pay peanuts for the water they are taking & re-selling is ridiculous.

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Subject: Proposed Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 10:01 PM

Dear Legislators:

I trust that this legislation will specifically acknowledge the Governments obligations under the UN declaration of water as a human right. The legislation should enshrine as its' #1 priority the provision of water to citizens above all else.

I would also like to see in the legislation that water taken for commercial and industrial purposes be strictly regulated and paid for in an equitable manner. I think it is also important that the legislation establish an independent body with the power and authority to restrict water use or cancel the licence of any person or corporate body whose use of water jeopardizes the quality or long term sustainability of B.C.'s natural water systems.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

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Victoria, B.C.

Subject: water rules

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:36 PM

why wouldnt governments abuse such a presious resourse we have allowed them to sell off all of our other resourses oil raw logs unrefined ore from our mines natural gas so we havent much left to call our own

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ARMSTRONG

Subject: Water is a public resource and good and is essential to all life.

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:40 PM

Any update to B.C.'s Water Act must be based on the principle that water is a public resource and must not be privatized and sold for profit. Water is essential to all living creatures on Earth and it should be recognized that access to water is a human right. Stop the profiteering of water by corporations in B.C. and make sure that the CETA agreement does not allow control of our water resources in Canada to be allowed!!

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Saanich, B.C.

Subject: Water Sustainability Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:39 PM

I am very concerned that our water will be depleted by large corporations taking our water and selling it for a profit or sueing us when we refuse to let them take the water.

An even bigger concern is the fracking taking place polluting groundwater and poisoning streams. Please protect this water for our future.

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Richmond/BC

Subject: BC's new water regulations
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:37 PM

The proposed legislation seems to completely ignore the health and safety of communities and elevate commercial access beyond rational balance. Ensuring proper access and sustainability of water resources is tantamount to proper community health. Why would you consider trading the health of the community for the economic benefit of a trans-national corporation. We already see this happening with Nestle in Hope!

The idea that you would further be creating legislation to allow the destruction of natural water aquifers to extract green house gas producing oil resources is maddening. I can't imagine a practices that I'd support less.

BC is a wonderland, that we need to preserve as a bastion of health, across a planet that is continually under siege. Where are you going to go to enjoy your kick backs? Where are your kids going to swim? Please, think of all generations when crafting this legislation and not just your own personal temporary 'benefit'.

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:34 PM

To whom it may concern:

Water is one of the most precious things we have - more precious than oil, gas, gold, or any of the other things on which our society currently puts a high price. Without clean water we cannot live. Without water nothing can live. All the water in B.C. should belong to all the people of B.C. No part of it should be privately owned..... EVER!!! We must have strong regulations to protect our water. There are places in the world where such regulations have not been put in place or are not properly enforced and water has become privatized. In such places the ordinary people must pay exorbitantly for water or go without. This is criminal!! It must NEVER happen in B.C. It must NEVER happen anywhere in Canada!!

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Victoria BC

Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 9:24 PM

Access to water is, I believe, a Human Right.

Water is precious and I am, therefore, astounded that our government could be so freely giving away this resource.

Please protect this precious commodity for citizen's consumption. In that interest, I would expect that any companies drawing from our water supplies (including ground water) would be very heavily charged for accessing this luxury product.

Now is the time to do the right thing.

Please make the necessary changes to protect our futures. We can not live without water so what could be more important?

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Kelowna, BC

Subject: water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:34 PM

Protect B.C.'s water from corporate freeloaders

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Vancouver

Subject: British Columbia Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:20 PM

A growing number of communities in BC have a direct, user pay metering system. It has made all of us more aware of this resource as well as of the costs associated with treating, storing, and distributing water. However, climate change increasingly affects seasonal supply and many studies point to fracking as a disturbing factor for consideration. Surely water should be conserved, monetized with extreme care, and never given away to corporations so that it can be sold back to us.

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Roberts Creek, B.C.

Subject: Protect B.C.'s water from corporate 'freeloaders'

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:39 PM

B.C.'s residence and First Nations must hold the power to 'steward our pristine water' and the Water Sustainability Act must to be rewritten to 'halt' corporates such Nestle from taking what belongs for use in British Columbia and not for commerical sale.

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Kaslo, B.C.

Subject: Tankers and pipelines

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:31 PM

We need to keep our and I emphasise our coast clean and risk free, whether it is our coastal waters or our coastal forests and salmon streams. We, the people of british Columbia pride our selves for our pristine province. Let's not dirty it up with big oil and harpers interests. Thanks Tim

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victoria .bc ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:31 PM

Water in Canada belongs to all Canadians not corporations. Protect our rights, protect our water and don't sell us and our water down the river to corrupted and greedy countries or corporations. Protect our water rights before it is too late!!!

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BURNABY

Subject: Water Sustainability Act. BRAVO Andrew Weaver!

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Cc: BC NDP; BC Green Party (1/08)

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:24 PM

a. BC should have water inventory and control use, and charge for use by industry.

b. Agriculture and sustainable industries, NOT the oil/gas industry, will be the future for any sustainable communities. Possible that leaves BC in the cold black dark!. Agriculture land is more important than more gas for export! Protect the ALR

c. Control corporate contributions to political parties -- BC's future is probably disadvantaged because the Liberals get such generous support from industries who are basically undermining our future for their private gain. How can any MP afford to be independent thinker when the financial balance is so in favour of those accepting these 'bribes'.

Sincerely

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Subject: water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 8:02 PM

B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. A law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water.

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Surrey.

Subject: Fresh water is becoming endangered
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:09 PM

It's a sad state of affairs when big business gets the green light for any kind of project, while the people of BC are put at risk of losing the one resource they need for basic survival.

When we look at the amount of fresh water being wasted or contaminated by big business it shows how our governments priorities lies with the mighty dollar and not it's citizens.

Fracking is one example of how the little people are not even considered in the choices being made there. How many thousands of gallons a day are destroyed by these companies, let alone how many wells are soured and how much land is rendered waste lands when gases are released due to the practice of fracking. Let alone companies that waste our precious resources for profit while families struggle just to cover water consumption at minimum usage. We gladly let our lawns brown in drought seasons yet big business does nothing to change how much water is used or bottled in these times. Now there is talk of flooding thousands of acres of land to accommodate damming the Similkimeen river for the money hungry power companies when there are unlimited sources of power available in many other avenues such as ocean turbines, wind turbines, just to mention a couple. Please. Put a stop to old ways of doing business and consider our future generations who will not have the benefit of our !

natural fresh water resources if big business continues to be given the green light for unlimited use of our fresh water.

Big business is big money for you, this we understand completely, what will you tell your children's children when all our fresh water is contaminated. Please think outside the big buck way of thinking and consider the future generations survival.

Thank you for your consideration in saving our fresh waters futures...

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Princeton, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:38 PM

Dear Ms/Sir,

To ensure that the new act lives up to its name, the Water Sustainability Act, it is essential that it addresses the issue of Environmental Flows from the perspective of maintenance of ecosystem functioning in perpetuity. This requires that decisions on environmental flows be driven by evidence, that existing licences be required to incorporate environmental flow requirements when being considered for renewal, that in cases of uncertainty the precautionary principle must be applied to e-flow decision-making, and that a proactive approach be taken to using e-flows to restore degraded river ecosystems. Further, given the speed with which environmental conditions can change, there should be a procedure for mandatory review relatively frequently, say 10 years; to avoid an excessive administrative burden, this could be a graduated exercise (carried out independently), with only those licences giving cause for concern being subject to more in-depth review.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:38 PM

I feel very strongly that water rights in Canada and specifically in British Columbia need to have as their priority the rights of the general public as the first priority and corporations would follow very distantly. First Nations and local communities should be our primary focus.

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Vancouver

Subject: Our water, our life.

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:54 PM

Please turn attention to the long range affects of any actions you take. The water belongs to all beings in BC; the animals, plants and the humans. Too long have we put aside rational, visionary actions to support corporations. We are on a 'game over' course if we do not put the health of our environment first with all decisions. It has kept us alive and brought us to this moment. As said elsewhere

Harper must walk away from CETA

Let's get to the bottom of election fraud

Premier Wynne: No tar sands pipeline through Ontario

Ontarians: Say "no" to the frack pipe!

Protect B.C.'s water from corporate freeloaders

We can't afford Harper's \$1.65-billion bonus for Big Pharma. We can't afford CETA!

Fracking is not a right: Tell Lone Pine to drop its NAFTA lawsuit against Quebec's moratorium on fracking!

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Vancouver BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:48 PM

The BCOGC is far too free with our water. They have never turned down an Industry application. We need strict flow requirements, especially during winters and spells of drought. Industry should be paying for using our water. BC taxpayers spent billions of dollars creating reservoirs for power production. Why are enormous quantities of this water being freely given to the Oil and Gas Industry? The best and most common sense way of controlling water use is to put sustainable extraction and export limits on all of our resources. The currently proposed LNG Industry is depleting, polluting and ecologically and environmentally destructive. Thank you.

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Dawson Creek, B.C.

Subject: B,C,'s Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:46 PM

Water is necessary to sustain life. How can governments and big business blatantly ignore the fact that water is a human right? I understand that there is a place for bottled water and that provision costs money, but not to the detriment of all other sources and for the sole purpose of profit. While many organisations work hard to alleviate the suffering of the poor and marginalised in 3rd world countries as well as our own, scandalous amounts of money find their way into the pockets of arrogant, self-serving CEOs and their cohorts. Legislation should exist to make access to water a reality for all at any time. The subjugation of helpless people seems to be becoming the warfare of the 21st century.

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Honeymoon Bay, B.C.

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:46 PM

How are aquifers protected from fracking? Is there any mention of banning water for sale in plastic containers? The sale of water needs to stop and we need to return to stringent health policies around reservoirs that provide tap water for citizens. Keep water public, not private. Environmental offsets aren't good enough. We simply need pure clean water for ourselves and for others living on the planet. Who determines the people that get water licenses and is there a system for deciding?

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Surrey, British Columbia

Subject: The Commons

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:13 PM

Water is the basis of life; all life. To treat it as a commodity for exploitative profit and mismanagement is surely courting disaster.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Water Protection Act in BC
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:10 PM

We need strong protection laws for our water in BC, so that it can be healthy and available for all residents and farmers, who produce our food. We need control of our watersheds and must not be in a position where foreign interests and corporations super-cede the rights of residents. Water is a human right and must be available for all and not a salable commodity. Water must not be allowed to be contaminated for industrial resource extraction purposes.

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Nanaimo, BC. ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

Subject: proposed water sustainability act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 7:08 PM

Hello,

I am writing to give feedback on the new proposed act. I believe overall it is a fantastic 'act' that you are doing to protect our valuable and precious resource. I read the Overview version, and noted that on page 22 there is a blue comment - *The proposed new Act would reaffirm water as a public resource and would not privatize B.C.'s water resources or enable water markets. The Water Protection Act, in place since 1995, prohibits bulk water exports from B.C. It will remain in place and work with the new Water Sustainability Act to protect and manage our water resources.* From this comment am I correct in understanding that bulk water exports are currently not allowed, whether private or public, and will not be allowed in the future?

thank you

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New Westminster

Subject: Concerns for the proposed New Water Sustainability ACT

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:59 PM

B.C. needs water legislation that puts the public interest ahead of corporate profits! We need a law that gives our communities and the First Nations people the power to effectively steward our precious water. I want to help rewrite the Water Sustainability Act so that it can fully protect our waters for the next 100 years. There are a number of concerns that I worry about as follows:

1. How does the new Act prioritize water licences?
2. How will the Act determine what of the "beneficial uses" will actually prioritize public interests?
3. We must have limits on water uses per licence!
4. The Act must not have Saline water included in groundwater regulation
5. There is a dire need for strict environmental flow requirements
6. Does the Act designate who will make the decisions on applications for water licences?
7. What type of stipulations will be put in for the new oil & gas use that has been introduced? Public interests must be considered first!

I am concerned and all these concerns need to be addressed.

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Creston, BC

Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:58 PM

I am writing to voice my concern that this new legislation does not protect BC's waters from large corporations such as Nestlé, that are able to withdraw as much groundwater as they like free of charge. BC needs water legislation that prioritizes the needs of nature and the public interest ahead of multinational corporate profits that leave our community and do not benefit BC.

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: Water protection

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:15 PM

Hello,

Because in Canada, due to the conception of abundant fresh water, we've grown complacent over threats to its security. Along with waste and corporate pollutants, hydraulic fracking should be dismissed as an acceptable standard for resource extraction. For the wealth of a few, this precious and essential resource is endangered. This is appalling and cannot be sanctioned if sustainability and responsible stewardship are our destination.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: a new Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:26 PM

I believe B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. A law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water.

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Sooke, BC

Subject: Proposed Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:47 PM

Dear Premier Clark, As a concerned citizen of our natural resources, I would like to see our fresh water resource protected and reserved for public consumption only rather than public and corporate use as is presently the case. I think that First nations and all civic governments within our communities must have a say in the control of this precious commodity.

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Sorrento, BC

Subject: New water sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:44 PM

We need water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits, a law that gives our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward out precious water supply. As global warming continues, less fresh water can be tapped and corporations never think of rationing it regardless what the outcome to the rest of the population brings. Corruption is well known of corporations, to the point when they could charge us in the future selling "their" water. That was done before and can happen to us.

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: water for people, not profit
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:42 PM

Please protect our water rights and water quality, protect it for people, not business or profit.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:36 PM

As a BC resident and taxpayer I expect a Water Act the protects and sustains the environment. Whether it Is residents or corporations the Water Act needs to ensure that Water is respected as the most important resource for life and living. Protect this Resource!!

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WEST VANCOUVER

Subject: Water sustainability

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:36 PM

As the most important life supporting resource of the province, water must not be allowed to become a `commodity` in a marketplace economy. Water as a natural resource must belong to the people of the province to be stewarded by our communities. The water Sustainability Act must protect this resource for future and present generations so that it cannot be withdrawn for commercial sale and export.

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Lillooet, B.C.

Subject: selling our treasure for a penny
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:20 PM

I am writing to express my cynicism with the Government's choice to give water away to Nestle's and other Corps. for pennies.
Our treasure is far more valuable than the \$215 per yr that Nestle will pay for millions worth of their marketed water.
Please charge pennies per bottle of water taken by Corps.
Giving it away is an insult to our children's future and denies our treasure

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Richmond

Subject: water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:16 PM

some concerns are

!-use of water for commercial use regardless of other stakeholders like fishes' needs ei drought water drilling to close to streams and rivers pulling down the water levels

3 we need to enhance wetlands to replenish aquifers.

4- use of water from system for commercial use and not paying for it. ei some water bottleing

continue your work for our water supply. ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

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Surrey BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act revision
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:14 PM

Clean sweet water is a precious support for life and health ; Canada is so fortunate to have it and so should do everything to protect it. Our water belongs to all of us; it should not be sold off to anyone or any company or organization.

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Vancouver, B.C,

Subject: Public interest before corporate profit.

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:11 PM

We need public interest not corporate interest to be the priority in this country. OUR water need to be protected by our laws.

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Victoria

Subject: water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 6:09 PM

water is more valuable for our survival than oil or lng; the company should not be tracking their own water consumption and needless to say they MUST pay for our water. thank you.

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halfmoon bay, bc

and even then it should be monitored for long term viability

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Halfmoon Bay, b.c.

Subject: Bottled Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:35 PM

I would like to see more research on where, how and why we are bottling water and why there is a bottle water industry which is not regulated in any way. Payment for water by the water industry is just one concern. I can understand the need for bottled water in an emergency situation but in most of Canada the water coming out of the tap is just fine. I would like to see the Water Industry in Canada be curbed to represent the needs of Canada and for emergencies identified by Provincial and Federal Governments not the Water Companies running a MUCK.

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: Our Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:38 PM

Christy Clarke et al

I am worried about your government's approach to protecting our precious water. You're stewarding a give-away to corporate interests! Surely BC's water belongs--
- as a human right--- to the citizens of BC! I am asking that you craft a law that ensures that our rights to our water are truly, effectively protected-- for us now, and for our grandchildren in the years to come.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Galiano Island, BC

Subject: new water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:11 PM

We need provincial legislation that that protects our water-- that means protecting the ecosystems that our water depends upon, recognizing that water is only a right of life not of corporations, that "water rights" can not be bought and sold,

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Vancouver BC

Subject: BC Water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:38 PM

I have spent time in places where water resources are scarce, Middle East, Africa, and Australia for example. I have dealt with companies that provide water filtration systems and water purification systems in areas where drinkable water is almost non-existent.

I manage a number of properties in the southern U.S. where water is metered and very expensive.

I'm not sure that the Provincial planners are really aware of how valuable this resource is and how important it is to manage it well, given it's value.

Please be very careful how you legislate for commercial extraction and export because with NAFTA, you can set precedence that will be hard to change in the future when B.C.'s water is looked on with more than casual interest. I don't think that time is very far off.

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Vancouver

Subject: BC Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:55 PM

Please protect our water from corporations: this is our most precious resource.

Thank you

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Ladysmith, BC

Subject: BC Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:55 PM

Please protect our water from corporations: this is our most precious resource.

Thank you

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Vancouver

Subject: water rights and uses

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:52 PM

I can't believe we have to spell this out! It seems obvious that water is essential to survival of all living things, so the safeguarding of its sources and uses should be a priority and a fundamental right of the people who depend on it. Industrial and other secondary uses must never have precedence over the needs of the local people. Water is not a commodity that can be bought and sold. It must be treated differently, since without it we die!

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Vancouver B.C.

Subject: Protecting BC waters

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:51 PM

I am writing to call for clear legislation that protects all BC water, above and below ground by giving our communities and First nations the power to effectively steward this resource. It is not acceptable that water can be sold to multinational corporations.

I am particularly concerned about the use of water resources to extract oil or gas.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: BC water legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:47 PM

I am hoping that a new proposed water legislation for BC will stipulate that our water is not for sale and especially not for any bottling corporate purposes.
Thank you.

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Gibsons BC

Subject: Time for a NEW Water Sustainability Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:45 PM

It's time to put our environment and our communities' needs before corporate profits. Even if corporations such as Nestlé were to offer us huge amounts of money in exchange for unlimited access to our precious water, no amount of money can replace our natural resources. We MUST protect our waters.

PLEASE rewrite the Water Sustainability Act so that it fully protects our water for the next 100 years...if not forever.

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Rossland, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability for BC
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:43 PM

As the population increases, both here and in the US, the demand for pure, clean drinking water will also increase. All the more reason to protect the limited ground water resource we are lucky to have. Commercial interests, who profit from the sale of this water, certainly have no more right to this precious resource than individual homeowners, who pay for every litre at a fixed metered rate. If we are to ensure this vital resource will continue to be available for generations to come, we must act now to protect it and ensure all users respect the need for conservation. There should be no special deals for industry. They must pay a fair rate like everyone else, accept controls on usage and understand the privilege of having this resource so readily available, at this time, to all of us.

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Sidney

Subject: Re: Fair use of our water
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:42 PM

Our water is a resource, in the future more valuable than any other. It should be treated with at least the same respect as oil or natural gas! Big, money making companies, which make huge profits should pay more than a mere pittance for the 'use' of our water! Use is really owning, as lot of this water is irreplaceable.

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BC

Subject: New Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:40 PM

To whom it may concern:

I feel that this new legislation needs to really do a better job of protecting our water in an sustainable way and clearly the current water act is not. For example, when we have companies like Nestle withdrawing huge amounts of our precious water for free to sell back to us at an enormous mark up, it begs the question of "Why would an elected government that is suppose to be looking out for the citizens of B.C.'s best interest and our environment, which includes our water, do something as stupid as this"? If our government is going to continue to do business with corporations like Nestle then limits need to be set on the uses per license and the amounts that any can withdraw.

Take a hint from Ontario. Charge them and limit the amounts they can withdraw even more if we are in drought conditions and further, the new Water Sustainability Act needs to give our communities and our First Nations the power to effectively steward our precious water, not the big corporations whose only interest is big profits.

Also, Fracking is using large amounts of our precious water to blast through the shale and contaminating our water supply in the process by the use of dangerous chemicals. This needs to be addressed In the Act as well.

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Nanaimo

Subject: Water Rights

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:32 PM

Dear Sirs/Mmes

I fully support the idea that BC must improve knowledge and management of its ground water and surface water resources. Where there are insufficient resources to meet all demands, means must be found to allocate the rights which meet the triple bottom line of environmental, economic and social objectives. It is essential that the "economic" not be used to dominate the other criteria.

In terms of the social criterion, it is essential that holders of existing rights, whose livelihoods/activities depend upon them, should NOT have those rights removed in the interests of more "valuable" uses if this removal would result in major injury (such as rendering their current livelihood impossible, as may be the case with many farmers).

By the same token, it would be entirely just if major corporate users who currently pay risible amounts for the water they use, were required to pay "market" rates for their water rights if this would not impose a major threat to the viability of their operations and local employment they generate.

In order to adjudicate these matters, it is critical that the government establish clear criteria and regulations, and engage staff fully competent to administer those rules, which will undoubtedly involve difficult judgements in some cases. This implies that appropriate determinations be the responsibility of an independent entity, and not a simple ministerial/ departmental responsibility, since candidate ministries are likely to be enjoined to promote sectoral interests.

The above is written from the vantage point of someone whose farm returns are heavily dependent upon exercise of existing water rights (to dams which my father constructed) and to a very productive well.

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(Metchosin) Victoria, B.C. ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

Subject: Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:31 PM

Protect our water from corporations who act only for profit and have no interest in our environment.

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Nanaimo, B.C., Canada

Subject: Water Sustainability

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:28 PM

Water is a necessity for life on the planet. BC has a treasure of clean water that must be preserved intact. This means clean water for all humans, fish, animals and plants for now and future generations. Therefore: 1) No sale of BC water. 2) Protection of all waterways from industrial, and other pollutants 3) No oil tankers on BC's coast. 4) No site C dam/ preserve this bounteous agricultural and biodiverse Peace River Valley. 5) No pipelines of bitumen through the sacred headwaters of northern BC. 6) No mines in areas needing protection of streams, rivers, lakes. 7) development of alternative forms of energy to preserve the waters of BC 8) no fracking which uses and pollutes great quantities of BC's waters. Think of the generations to come.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Canada's water act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:18 PM

To Whom it may concern:

Canada's water belongs to Canadians only. Any water use should first of all benefit all Canadians including First Nations and we should have a say as to what happens to our water. If there is any corporate use of our water, the water must be paid for whether by water meters or royalties. No corporation should profit from the use of our water without payment to Canadians. As clean drinking water is becoming more and more endangered, corporations (especially those bottling and selling it) shouldn't have access to it at all.

Yours truly,

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Quesnel, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:16 PM

Protect Public Interests over Corporate Profits when creating a new Water Sustainability Act PLEASE!!

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: Protecting Water Resources
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:13 PM

This most important thing is to charge corporate uses of water, a natural resource, fees sufficient to deter them from squandering it and from fleecing the public. Private water bottlers should not be able to sell over \$1 billion worth of bottled water, using BC water, for a measly fee of less than \$300. That's a sure guarantee that our aquifers will be drained by the end of the century. Plus, there should be limits placed on the amount of water these companies can use.

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Vancouver, BC

Subject: water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:10 PM

Please save our public water for our communities and our First Nations.
Our water is too precious to give it away to big corporations and fracking.

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Victoria, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:08 PM

Water allocation must be based upon water as a human right, water as a commons and water as a public trust. Water as a human right means that every person has a right to clean and adequate water for drinking, sanitation and basic household use. Water as a commons would mean our watersheds are to be shared, protected, carefully managed and enjoyed by all who live around them. Water as a public trust means that water, including groundwater, belongs to communities and cannot be privately owned or controlled.

The new proposal suggests that because the public trust doctrine is relatively untested in Canada and because it would influence other areas of law, it cannot be considered at this moment. However, a great deal of traditional, legal and academic expertise exists with regards to how the doctrine can be applied and its implications for other areas of law. Furthermore, there are unavoidable and unresolved legal and policy concerns that can be addressed by adopting the public trust doctrine.

The proposal clearly states that Indigenous communities contest crown ownership of water. Furthermore, there was a great deal of concern regarding any commodification of water. Public trust doctrine could be used to designate the provincial government as trustees (stewards) of water as opposed to owners. As a trustee, the government cannot sell or commodify water but can promote a stewardship role to avoid direct conflict with proven and inherent title and rights of Indigenous people.

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs had made clear in their submission that “the Province does not have the ownership and jurisdiction over water where Aboriginal Title exists, and the proposed Water Act amendments continue with the province’s history of denial which is damaging both to Indigenous Peoples and cultures, and also to the waters and all life that depends upon the water.” By declaring water as a public trust, rather than owned exclusively by the crown, a collaborative stewardship model can be promoted through this Act.

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Victoria BC

Subject: New version of BC Water Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:05 PM

The revisions to this act should NOT be a rubber stamp for industry to overuse / abuse our supply of fresh water. Doing so would be short-sighted and brainless. We should value and conserve our fresh water before we join the list of jurisdictions that now have chronic water issues.

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Ladysmith, BC

Subject: Water Sustainability

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:04 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

With all the water pollution going on, clear water will be very rare in the not too far future. Since clear water is a Canadian resource, we should charge people or companies who want it, the same price we have to pay for gas. Giving it away is not right.

Please consider a regulation that takes care that our grandchildren can still enjoy unpolluted water, which is the most important thing for life.

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Surrey, BC

Subject: Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:02 PM

Water belongs to the people!

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Subject: Keep Corporations Away From Our Water!!
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:02 PM

If anything is kept from the private industry it's our water. If water is privatized, you can only imagine what the long term results would look like. We're already slaves to corporations, this would make sure our future is prewritten.

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BC

Subject: public water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 5:00 PM

There must be tighter control over our water supply and protect it as it becomes more precious globally. we should share our resources but not be swindled out of them, and there are sharks out there!

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BC

Subject: BC's new water legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:10 PM

B.C. needs water legislation that puts public interest ahead of corporate profits. We need strict limits on water licences and hefty fees for corporations that extract millions of gallons of this LIMITED precious resource. Please put the protection of water as a human right foremost in the legislation, we need to ensure fresh, pure, drinkable water is protected for the next hundred years and beyond.

Thank you.

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North Vancouver

Subject: Water legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:15 PM

We need proper stewardship over industrial consumption of our water. How does BC benefit from Nestle's removal of BC water?

Does the new legislation contain severe penalties for pollution from geoeengineering projects? Tons of material has been raining down upon us from aerosol spraying that the government is only now beginning to disclose; after long claiming it a matter dreamt up by 'conspiracy nuts'. Whatever they are spraying falls on our lakes, rivers, oceans and glaciers. Please ensure you address geoeengineering with penalties in \$billions for violations.

Also, please ensure you include severe penalties for polluting our drinking water with sodium fluoride. This is a known neurotoxin used by the Nazis to control prisoners, rendering the populace tranquil. It has no established dental health benefits whatsoever. As well, fluoride multiplies the toxic effect of many other pollutants and chemicals now in the food chain. Please include penalties for fluoride use in our drinking water.

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Surrey, BC, Canada

Subject: Outdated Water Legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:31 PM

Water is required for life! Without it, all life would perish! Please rewrite B.C.'s water legislation to reflect its value as a basic human right! No corporation should have rights that let them use water at the alarming rate that for example, as Nestlé has done. Fracking is another destroyer and over-consumer of ground water. Without water oil is useless, without water the planet is lifeless, what good will corporate greed serve then. Make British Columbia a beacon of hope and rewrite this outdated legislation so that the rest of Canada might follow your example.

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Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada

Subject: Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:49 PM

I am eager to see our precious B.C. water protected from industrial exploitation - especially when the exploiters of those water resources pay nothing, and profit from it.

I am concerned about potentially harmful projects such as fracking. I believe it is incumbent on the government to exercise caution, and to make every attempt to protect our water, including groundwater. I think water protection should be enshrined in law.

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Hornby Island, B,C,

Subject: BC Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:48 PM

Federal and provincial politicians are in a fatal rut: they are putting corporations before people. Nothing is more important than air and water. We may already have passed the point of no return for the air (temperature and quality), and much of the world's potable and agriculturally available water has been squandered. Whenever the rights of a corporation are allowed to trump those of the people, we have committed another step in the direction of ruining our planet.

No one doubts that services like health and education require a sturdy tax base for support. The taxes, royalties, etc. from a healthy economy are vital to such services, but, to use an extreme analogy, is it right to destroy the fundamentals of life for Canadians in order to "improve the economy"? Should we forget the fundamentals of democracy to better the bottom line of a large corporation? I can't believe a government that used to be based upon the ideals of Christianity would allow this to happen. Mr. Harper, Ms. Clark, Ms. Redford, please look at what you are doing to us!

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Bowser, BC

Subject: new Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:45 PM

B.C. is in need of updating the Water Act to enable communities affected by business proposals that affect our water to have a say. Our water is one of our most precious resources and is being threatened by business proposals that do not look at the big picture. From fracking to "harvesting" water for bottled water sales to unlimited use of water for industry to the acidification of our oceans, our rivers and oceans and aquifers are in grave danger. Communities and first nations are the watchdogs for the water. They must be given the voice that has clout.

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Campbell River, BC

Subject: Water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:40 PM

Please ensure there is safe potable water in every community and every area in BC.

Right now greed and money are driving the agenda but you can't drink money or oil.

Please do this before it's too late and believe me that time is coming soon

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Parksville B.C.

Subject: Our water

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:39 PM

Let us make sure there can be no more assumption by corporations etc. that it is o.k. to think they can take all the water they want for the purposes of their profit . We actually would be better off not bottling water and creating all that waste. .

Nestle, and no doubt others, are ruthless and extremely selfish and must not be allowed to take advantage in order to make money. Please ensure laws are in place to protect our water. Our water belongs to all of us. It is like a company thinking they can patent a natural growing herb - unbelievable how ridiculous and twisted is this .

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Subject: New Water Act

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:37 PM

It is time to think of our water for our needs. Say no to the greed and demands of the corporate world and turn away from the supply and demands of capitalism. No to continual energy demands and think good clean drinking water for our children's children. No one should steward our water but the people of B.C. and all actions should come to referendum with proof of meeting our real needs first and that is water for the people of B.C. first.

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Nelson B.C. ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

Subject: water legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:30 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The new water act proposes to prioritize water licenses by retaining the FITFIR, which severely limits the ability for local planning and stewardship. There is no point in modernizing an act, by excluding community planning, excluding the prioritization of ecological needs and ignores indigenous use of water which is quite literally "First in Time". By retaining an antiquated model, will promote a resource grab frenzy which PREVENTS any means to prioritize water stewardship, Indigenous use and the public interest over the economic interest of providing certainty to license holders. The justification for keeping FITFIR seems to be a matter of retaining the status quo, convenience and pleasing senior license holders. This belies the word "sustainability". The old model was unsustainable and the proposed model is as well.

To do justice to the word "sustainability" water allocation must be based upon water as a fundamental human right. The public trust doctrine could be used to designate the government as trustees (stewards) of water as opposed to owners. As a trustee, the government can not sell or commodify water but can promote a stewardship role to avoid direct conflict with proven and inherent title and rights of indigenous people. With regards to "beneficial use" the public interest should be the highest priority in all licensing decisions and economic use be of lowest priority. The licensing process needs to involve public engagement meaning full and appropriate participation of Indigenous communities and the public at large must be embedded in the new Water Act as well as in the process of developing it. Saline water should not be exempted based on an "assumed disconnection" "Saltwater intrusion is caused by changes in the natural equilibrium between fresh and saltwater, and could be initiated by increased pumping from a freshwater aquifer."

This exemption appears to be an attempt to support the fracking industry, which is very water-intensive. Using the precautionary principle, even the possibility of impacts to potable water sources or other environmental impacts should be avoided.

Not having limits on water uses per license is a serious concern, similar to market-based transfers, raises concerns that a licence originally issued for agricultural purposes, for example, can then be used for oil and gas or mining operations. Without mandatory requirements for maintaining specific environmental flows, watersheds remain vulnerable to the decisions of government appointees. Rather than leaving the room for possibility of politically influenced decisions, the environmental flows should be regulated based on strict requirements established by scientific data.

A great deal of pressure will be placed on watersheds due to the dramatic increase oil and gas development in the region. While this industry needs far more regulation of its water use, it is questionable to even consider oil & gas development as a beneficial use of water. There must be serious consideration given to whether licences should be issued, particularly for shale gas fracking, which has seen moratoriums imposed in many jurisdictions. To ignore this again belies the term "living water".

Finally, offsets are primarily an economic solution to environmental problems in order to allow for continued economic growth. In order to assure the protection of water, users that do damage to a watershed or water system must be held responsible for remediation of that system.

The proposed water legislation is not good enough for the next hundred years.
Sincerely,

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Courtenay, BC

Subject: B.C.'s Water Act Overhaul
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:29 PM

Rob Ford and the Senate affair are merely distracting fluff compared to the real big issues: The Harper government's complete sell out of our democracy and our future to the oil and gas industry; the B.C. Government's insane decision to pollute our groundwater to extract gas, which if burned will exacerbate climate change in a big way, and whose influence does the major drug barons controls? Probably the whole pack of rascals.

Instead, overhaul treason legislation and attach capital punishment to it. Canadian has plenty of corrupt political figures that are no better than hangman's fodder. Dump them hard and soon. We can't afford to keep them any longer.

Use this water legislation rewrite to decapitate the insane move on B.C's shale gas and the like. Our premier looks clueless but is probably much worse.

Also, do you ever wonder whose influence big drug money buys? Think about it.

I think we're living in an insane world that competes with the Hitler era.

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Victoria B.C.

Subject: Most precious resource

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:23 PM

Given the ugly global track record of Nestle for the last half-century, coupled with the appallingly unnecessary consumption of bottled water, it is my hope that BC's government will stop allowing the draining of our precious streams by this callous mega-corporation.

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Westwold, BC

Subject: Water Legislation

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 3:52 PM

It's time to protect our water resources and give local communities control of their own water. I ask the BC Government to create tough laws that realistically prevent the pollution of or extraction of water from aquifers and above ground water resources. Extraction must be sustainable and cannot be free to corporations like Nestle. Air and water are basic necessities for our survival and cannot be taken for granted. Fracking cannot be allowed until proven safe. The public MUST know what chemicals are used in that practice! Full disclosure of any industrial activity that may effect water must be available to the public in lay person's language.

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BC

Subject: Proposed New Water Sustainability Act
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 3:14 PM

I have operated a wilderness Adventure company for 23 years. I make my living on B.C. coastal beauty and the fact that it is a pristine environment. We have to take lessons from other countries and states that we need to preserve our ground water, both from Corporations that are draining too much water like Nestles and from fracking and placing chemicals into our ground water. These are both two critical areas that must be closely monitored. There is no reason to allow fracking in BC; we have already seen Provinces like Newfoundland ban fracking; we must not let the ignorance of a quick Corporate dollar put in jeopardy something as important as ground water. Without well stocked, clean ground water life cannot be sustained in a fashion that we are used to in B.C.

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Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Subject: water abuse

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:14 PM

Water rules and regulations have to be equitable and subject to review. Industry and business are not exempt and should have more stringent accountability. They're predisposed to put profit above all else and therefore are in need of more regulation not less. We need to look at the long term and not political expediency.

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Cranbrook, BC

Subject: BC's new water legislation
From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed***
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 4:14 PM

I do believe that Canadians should be able to retain control over their water and not let corporate interests prevail over public interest. We are blessed with a precious fresh water supply which we need to steward for ourselves and future generations.

We need limits on water use licenses and we need strict water flow requirements.

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Victoria BC