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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 2:06 PM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect water for nature

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Thank you for protecting water for the future generations!

Sincerely,

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Kimberley

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 2:05 PM

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North Saanich

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 1:39 PM

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Burnaby

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Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

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Sincerely,

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Golden

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Victoria

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Sincerely,

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Kimberley

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:32 AM

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Thank you for protecting water for nature.

Sincerely,

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White Rock

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:37 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Water- a vital resource

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

I am writing as a concerned citizen for the future of our most vital resource in BC- Water. Water is bountiful in BC, but if poorly managed, could be the demise of our communities, our fisheries, our wildlife, and nature's resiliency.

I am writing to urge you to include more protections, clarity and commitments to protect water for our communities and nature. The draft proposal is a good start, but our water deserves the best possible protection.

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Watershed governance is increasingly important for water management in the 21st century, especially with consideration to Climate Change. Please provide a clear mandate and resources for local watershed groups to engage in this important process.

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Lastly, please include an explicit statement that any private right to use water does not harm the public's interest.

Thank you for protecting water for nature.

Sincerely,

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Victoria

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 1:19 PM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Updates to the Water Act

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

Please include clear, strong protections and commitments to protect water for BC's future.

Protecting water for nature has to be our top priority. Binding standards need to be included in the WSA to protect water for fish, wildlife and stream health.

Guidelines are not good enough. Please use this opportunity to stand firm.

Likewise, our provincial water objectives must prioritize water for fish, wildlife and essential human uses. These objectives MUST apply to all industries, including forestry, oil and gas (which includes fracking) and other industries.

Watershed governance is increasingly important for water management in the 21st century. Please provide a clear mandate and resources for local watershed groups to engage in this important process. The more we can connect British Columbians to the water that they rely on, the more responsibly we will all use it.

Water Licenses need to be reviewed regularly - not every 30 years! We need to build in the flexibility to adapt to our changing climate.

We need appropriate fee schedules for groundwater and surface water that supports responsible water management. Even if we can't swim in it or boat on it, it needs protecting, and needs to be recognized as valuable.

Increased public participation in the granting of water licenses is critical to monitoring the impact on environmental flows. Please revise the process to enable increased public participation.

Lastly, please include an explicit statement that any private right to use water may not supersede or harm the public's interest.

Thank you for protecting water for nature.

Sincerely,

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Kimberley

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Kimberley

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Sincerely,

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Sun Peaks

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Clean, Healthy Water!

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Sincerely, ***Personal Identifiers Removed***

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kimberley bc
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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:27 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Changes needed to proposed Water Sustainability Act

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

The purpose of such an act should be to protect BC's water resources for the province's wildlife and citizens, now and for generations in the future. I don't believe the current proposal accomplishes that aim, and I urge you to include more stringent rules for industrial water use, including (and especially) use by forestry and the oil and gas industry.

As someone who ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** saw the far-reaching effects of BC Hydro's damming and flooding, I understand what huge impacts water can have on wildlife and communities. At present, industries are using our water without payment and without appropriate oversight. As quickly as possible, this act must prioritize water for fish, wildlife and human use and create stringent rules for any use by large industry.

I would also ask that you provide a clear mandate and resources for local watershed groups to engage in oversight, that you have water licenses reviewed much more regularly than the proposed 30 year cycle, and that you allow for potential climate change impacts in the future.

Furthermore, I believe fees for industrial use of our water should be significant, and have benefits for the province as well as affected communities.

Finally, I ask that you allow for increased public participation in decision making and an explicit statement that any private right to use water must not harm the public's interest.

Thank you for protecting water for nature.

Sincerely,

Personal Identifiers Removed

Vancouver

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

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Sincerely,

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Racine

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Sincerely,

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Powell River

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Thank you for protecting water for nature.

Sincerely,

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Pemberton
Personal Identifiers Removed

-----Original Message-----

From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 1:00 PM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect water for LIFE. (duh. do we have to have a petition for this??)

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

I am writing to urge you to include ONLY protections, clarity and commitments to protect water for nature. Our water deserves the best possible protection.

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Thank you for protecting future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Protect water for nature

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Sincerely,

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Kimberley
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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:38 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

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Richmond

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: the best protection possible for our water please!!!

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA). We are blessed in BC to have amazing, clean sources of drinking water in abundance. This is all the more reason to give it the best possible protection we can. Water is an increasingly valuable resource in our world. To be proactive in sustaining our bounty for the long term, please do as much as you can to keep it clean and free flowing.

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Protect B.C.'s Water Resource

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

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Kootenay Bay

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 12:57 PM
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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:31 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
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Sincerely,

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Clearwater

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 12:19 PM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:47 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect Ground Water

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

I am writing to urge you to include more protections, clarity and commitments to protect ground water. All ground water deserves the best possible protection. Many individuals, as well as some communities, get their drinking water from wells.

Ground water is often the source of small creeks, which lead to larger creeks and rivers. Binding standards need to be included in the WSA to protect all ground water for wells, fish, wildlife and stream health. Guidelines are not good enough.

Likewise, our provincial ground water objectives must prioritize water for fish, wildlife and essential human uses. These objectives MUST apply to all industries, including forestry, oil and gas (which includes fracking) and other industries. The objectives must also apply to city sewage disposal.

Watershed governance is increasingly important for water management in the 21st century. Please provide a clear mandate and resources for local watershed groups to engage in this important process. However, remember that the individual well owners also deserve the rights of larger groups. Why is it that cities get to protect their water sheds, while some cities dump their sewage into the groundwater of others?

Increased public participation in the granting of water licenses is critical to monitoring the impact on environmental flows. Please revise the process to enable increased public participation.

Thank you for protecting my ground water.

Sincerely,

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Fort Steele, BC

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From ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:26 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Nelson

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:55 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect water for nature

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

I agree with the contents of the letter below, but wish to make a couple of additional points. Industrial users of water (esp. by the oil and gas industry) must also be regulated. It is foolish to give the most environmentally damaging industries an exemption from the standards that apply to the rest of us, such as the gas industry being exempted from carbon emission standards. In no way should industrial users be given priority within the water allocations, or exemptions from the standards that apply to everyone else. The people who live in the area, must have a voice in how local water supplies are managed. People ahead of industry.

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Victoria

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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: A strong, forward-thinking Water Act, Please!

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:04 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Urgent need to protect water; a message from the next generation

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Sincerely,

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From: ***Personal Identifiers Removed*** [mailto:***Personal Identifiers Removed***]

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:01 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect water for the future generations of humans and animals

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 7:55 AM

To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX

Subject: Protect water for nature

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak and the Living Water Smart Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA).

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Subject: Protect water for nature

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Polak, and the Living Water Smart Team,

I write to comment on the draft proposal for the Water Sustainability Act (WSA). Please include my letter in the comment record.

I have a lot of experience with environmental and environmental standards and enforcement. I feel it is critical that BC adopt numeric standards as well as guidelines in the revised water act. Guidelines must be defined by numeric, science-based standards that reflect public and environmental health.

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I recognize that this revision of the water act is an historic opportunity. Please listen to the public's voice and revise the law with numeric standards and a clear right of the public to litigate damage to public resources through the inappropriate use and damage of this most important resource, our water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Brisco, BC

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Enough is enough!

Our waters are supposed to be a place of peace and quiet for us, and the fish and wildlife which live in them!

The animals are running out of places to live and be safe. Our fish and wildlife are under threat from so many angles. They desperately need to be protected, mainly from humans.

Life is hard enough for people, let alone the animals.

Can't we please offer them some much needed help?!

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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Protect water for nature

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