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In regard to the Water Sustainability Act.

To whom it may concern.

As a local community group drawing volunteers from the whole mid island area we steward several watersheds for their protection mainly for Wild Salmon but include all flora and fauna.

As you may or not be aware the hydrological cycles within a watershed effect all life within and as you can understand water quality is of or should be the prime concern.

For many years we have as a society in general looked at watersheds as merely a valley full of commodities to be fully exploited for the benefit of the few who have vested interest in those self same commodities.

The result after over 100 years down this path has left the majority of watersheds along the east coast of Vancouver Island and to a further extent the whole coast as it still goes on, in various forms of recovery.

For many years we have blindly followed this path of industrialisation of those once pristine watersheds supplying the home we need for not only our wild Salmon but also all life us included.

If we do not have strict guide lines around future water uses especially on Vancouver Island and greater protection of our watersheds in general we will soon be in worse crisis than we find our selves in today.

Water is the connection that binds us with all other life and should never be for sale or used in irresponsible uses like mining and oil/gas exploration.

We live today with the poorest water quality ever experienced on our coast due to past mismanagement by successive governments more concerned with economic health than actual health of its citizens no more evidenced by past legislation geared towards the open for business model of industrialisation.

In closing I ask that all concerned with these very important decisions please look beyond industry and place more emphasise on protection and recovery of these once fragile ecosystems.

Respectfully John Dunn
President Nanoose Stream Keepers Society.