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The Legislative Proposal for the Water Sustainability Act for BC introduces some promising elements to BC's new Water Sustainability Act, but there are significant areas of concern and gaps in the proposal that need to be addressed. They are:

1/ Protecting water for communities and nature, for fish and other nonhuman environmental values, must be defined and must be mandatory.

2/ Water use fees must make public "cents", and fee schedules for groundwater and surface water must ensure that not only administrative costs are met, but that resources are made available for water management and governance related activities.

3/ Involve the public in decisions that affect local watersheds, including in the granting of water licenses, and the setting and monitoring of environmental flows.

4/ The need to respect First Nations rights and title in all aspects of drafting and implementation of the new Water Sustainability Act.

Sincerely, *terri*



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