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WATER IS LIFE. PROTECT IT. DON'T COMMODIFY IT. IS OUR WATER FOR SALE?

Don't turn our water over to private markets to be sold to the highest bidder.

Protect our water commons: for our communities, for First Nation treaty rights, for future generations, and for the ecosystems on which we depend!

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Working to protect our water commons for our communities, for First Nation treaty rights, for future generations, and for the ecosystems on which we depend.

We are a large and growing network of organizations and individuals working to protect our water. We are members of the faith community, First Nations, municipal leaders, environmental and social justice groups, unions, farmers, and many more.

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Photo: Milk River, Southern Alberta



The Alberta Government has plans for water markets. **Water markets would jeopardize our communities, our future.**

Water for people and the environment, not corporate profit

Water should be allocated based on principles of justice, according to human and ecological needs. Water markets, however, allocate according to the size of one's bank account.

Water markets have caused devastation internationally

The government's intention to create a water market will allow license holders to make millions by selling what they historically received for free. Further, water markets have had devastating consequences elsewhere. For example, in Australia the government is now paying billions to buy back its own water.

No meaningful public consultation

The government has had no formal consultation with the public or First Nations, but are pursuing the one narrow policy option of water markets.

Trade agreements and the threat of foreign control

Marketing our water would open major risks under trade agreements. Do we want foreign corporations controlling our water? The Canadian public has already had to pay millions for water under a NAFTA challenge from the US. If we allow buying and selling water licenses, we may not be able to exclude foreign corporations.

Hurting rural communities and farmers

Farmers and rural communities will have a hard time competing with corporations for water licenses. In Australia and other jurisdictions with water markets, corporations have been buying up licenses and gaining control over the growth of communities and the agricultural system.

Violating First Nation rights

Water markets threaten to violate First Nation treaty rights. Even though the plans are based on the "first in time, first in right" system, will First Nations be ignored in the process and told to head to the back of the line?

"We are actively dealing with the government of Alberta to think about a water exchange."

Peter Brabeck,
Chairman, Nestle

Edmonton Journal
May 11, 2011

Nestle's voice is being heard. Is your's?

Water markets would prioritize corporate control of our water, rather than protecting it in the public interest. Alberta needs real solutions, not water markets.



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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA – PROTECT OUR WATER!

Minister of Environment

We are calling on you to protect Alberta's water in the public interest. It is too important to leave up to the market to decide who gets access. As the supply of our water becomes increasingly constrained, we need to ensure that we have protected enough water for our highest value uses—for our communities, our families, future generations, and the ecosystems we depend on.

We want you to:

1. Develop a provincial water allocation system that focuses on the public interest by prioritizing ecosystem health, basic human needs, and treaty and First Nation rights, rather than a market-based system that allocates access to water based on the ability to pay.
2. Explore and present to First Nations and residents in Alberta a range of policy options for how Alberta's out-of-date water allocation system could best be updated to meet current challenges and expected future pressures.
3. Conduct broad and meaningful consultations with the public, impacted groups, and First Nations on the full range of options before making changes to the Water Act.

Signed _____

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