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To the Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee,

Water is crucial; crucial for agriculture, industry and to maintain healthy ecosystems. There is a limited supply of fresh water suitable for such uses and access to that water should be carefully managed such that the needs of all use (particularly environmental use) are considered and balanced.

In addition the quality of that water must be vigorously guarded from contamination as all users are affected in such a case and, by extension, the population who depend upon the food produced by farmers, the goods supplied by industry and the holistic benefits provided by healthy and thriving ecosystems.

I support the passage of the proposed legislation because it will result in improved protections for groundwater resources. I would, however, urge that all licenses approved be assessed against a backdrop of environmental sustainability.

All the best,

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