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LETTER: Water is still a public resource

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Dear Editor:

Re: Clean Water No a Commodity to be Bottled for Profit
, July 29 Mailbox.

I would like to reassure your readers that water in B.C. is a public resource not owned by private interests, and that will not change under our government.

The province's role is to charge water rental rates that provide enough revenue to allow us to properly manage the resource through effective regulation. The new

<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/watersustainabilityact/>

Water Sustainability Act provides us with new tools to do just that, including for the first time, groundwater regulation. Additional costs associated with these new regulations have been factored in to increased rates announced in February.

Organizers of a recent petition asked us to ensure we are charging enough to effectively manage the resource. In response, we have committed to a review of our water rates.

Mary Polak
Minister of Environment

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