

BC Initiative for Community Control of Community Drinking Watersheds.

PETITION

**To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:**

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the province of British Columbia states that:

Whereas community drinking watersheds across British Columbia are under threat from industrial and other human activity including forestry, mining, toxic waste dumps, auto wrecking, industrial farming, wood treatment and recreational activities.

Whereas in many locations these industrial and human activities are happening within community drinking watershed on both crown lands and private lands, degrading the quantity and quality of drinking water available to communities.

Whereas clean safe drinking water is essential to life, is a human right and is fundamental to the economic wellbeing of communities.

Whereas protection of community drinking water sources must supersede all other interests.

Therefore your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House develop a funding program that facilitates local government and First Nations acquisition of both the watershed and adjacent land for those local governments and First Nations with water systems on privately owned land; and that all activities in watersheds used for drinking water be subject to final approval and control by affected local governments, First Nations and the Ministry of Environment; and that protection of community drinking water sources and security of quality and quantity supersede all other land uses and legislation pertaining to land use including but not limited to forestry, mining and other industrial activity.

Originally dated this seventh day of November, 2013.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature