

Protect Water as a Public Good

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS, groundwater is a public good, not a commodity, and;

WHEREAS, local ecosystems must be preserved for the well-being of future generations, and;

WHEREAS, the United Nations recognizes access to clean drinking water as a human right, and;

WHEREAS, the duty to consult Indigenous communities regarding water taking within traditional territories is often neglected, resulting in a disproportionate burden on systemically marginalized communities during a period of reconciliation, and;

WHEREAS, a poll commissioned by Wellington Water Watchers found that two-thirds of respondents support phasing out bottled water in Ontario over the course of a decade, and;

WHEREAS, a trend towards prioritizing the expansion of for-profit water bottling corporations over the needs of municipalities will negatively impact Ontario's growing communities;

Therefore, we the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to direct the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks to extend the moratorium on new permits for water taking and to prioritize public ownership and control of water over corporate interests.

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