

E-Mail sent to Mr. Barry Devolin on Feb. 24th, 2009 re: Navigable Waters Protection Act

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow is very disappointed that, in spite of our sending you our comments regarding proposed amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act in June of last year, and the promise of your office to keep us informed of any action taken by the Conservative Government, we were not advised of the inclusion of amendments to the Act being included in Bill C-10.

The Coalition views your party's decision to include the amendments in the budget bill as a lack of respect for the fundamental rights of all Canadian citizens. Furthermore, it demonstrates another broken promise of transparency.

Although we understand the need for economic stimulus, it must not occur at any and all cost. The Navigable Waters Protection Act is an integral part of the protection of Canadians' environmental and navigational rights and amendments to it must include the collaboration and consultations of all affected stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair
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