



# **CANADIAN FEDERAL WATER POLICY: 30 YEARS OF NEGLECT**

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## **MIDDLE CLASS IN WATER**

- **7% of World's Renewable Water & 7% of World's Land Surface**
- **Half of the Water Drains to North**
- **Great Lakes – 1% Renewable**





## 1987 FEDERAL WATER POLICY

- Little of the policy was implemented
- Less of the policy was enforced
- Needs updating
- Needs selective new directions
- Must react to climate change



## THREE KEY ADJUSTMENTS

- Restore Research & Monitoring Capability
- National Household Water Act
- Get Prices Right





## THREE NEW DIRECTIONS

- **Adopt Public Trust Doctrine**
- **Guidelines for Ecological Water**
- **Change Focus from Supply to Demand**



## BILATERAL ISSUES

- **Restoring the Status and Central Role of IJC in Managing the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909**
- **Avoiding Major Diversions, Dams and Inter-Basin Transfers**
- **Refusing Bulk Exports of Water**





## CONCLUSIONS

**Sustainable Water  
Mangement is Possible  
But Not With Yesterday's  
Policies**