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### **We need your help.**

**The Ag Water Management Strategy has the potential to negatively impact our Saskatchewan's water quality.**

**Wetlands are found all over the world and are one of the most natural productive ecosystems. They are also one of our most threatened ecosystems. In Saskatchewan wetlands come in all shapes and sizes, and include marshes, lakes and rivers, floodplains, swamps, sloughs, potholes, and peat lands.**

**Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada that does not have a wetland conservation policy. When the wetland ecosystem is not protected with regulation, the ecological goods and services such as clean water, carbon sequestration, flood and drought protection, and wildlife habitat are impacted and will affect each one of us in our day-to-day lives.**

**The Ag Water Management Policy is being discussed with 70 stakeholders. The plan is to have the policy ready for the fall of 2023. We share the same concerns as Dr Peter Leavitt who noted in his response to WSA, "I am concerned that the proposed policy seems overly reliant on a handful of recently – funded, short term studies, only some of which deal directly with runoff, water quality and wetland issues. This reliance on the 'made in Saskatchewan' approach ignores 100's if not 1000's of relevant research papers produced by academic, provincial and federal scientists from within the prairie region".**

For more information about the policy please visit [Engagement & Policy Development | Water Security Agency \(wsask.ca\)](#)

Why is it so important the WSA gets this new Ag Water Management Policy right, and what is at stake? All the benefits that wetlands provide ensure we have a healthy environment and a growing economy. Our goal is to be transparent, work from science and set our communities up for success, by creating a conversation about the importance of wetlands, before this becomes policy in the Fall of 2023. We need your help to create this conversation.

Call to action – please phone your MLA and follow up with an email. The question to ask is, How will this policy ensure water quality will be improved?

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