

WATER

Whether we choose to realize it or not, we live interdependently in terms of resources required for sustenance, none the least being water; we share the burden of supply maintenance. To import resource supplies is a limited proposal. All regions must carry a similar burden and we all know what happens to a commodity when demand exceeds supply.

Bottled water comes from somewhere.

My broker recently told me that some of the bottled water on the market is actually of the same quality as Mississauga tap water. This either speaks well of Mississauga or poorly of the water on the shelves.

COMMODITY

Knowing what I do about the quality of water in the Great Lakes - or my supply - it gets scary. There are toxins and dioxins we have yet to understand filtering through to my daughter's cup and I get frightened that her daughter might be sterile because of it.

With an understanding that water has a real economic and social value - an idea.

Test the quality of water entering a user. Test the quality of the water leaving a user. Charge the user the amount it costs to return the quality of the water to its original state. The user is then responsible to restore the quality in house or through the support of shared facilities. I am sure it would not be a popular idea with the leaders of industry surrounding the Great Lakes but it is when considering the future of our children. We have to think in broader terms than money.

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