

MOTION

No. 43

Referring development of a sustainable irrigation strategy to committee

Lynne Lund gives notice that she will move, seconded by Peter Bevan-Baker, the following motion:

WHEREAS water is a critical resource for Island residents, farmers, and ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS the *Water Act* and its regulations will provide a framework for the responsible management of water resources;

AND WHEREAS agricultural sector organizations have called for the development of a sustainable irrigation strategy to guide the responsible and fair use of water for agricultural purposes;

AND WHEREAS the development of a sustainable irrigation strategy should be done with due regard to the public interest and the needs of various stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS government has indicated it intends to develop an irrigation strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability has done significant work on the issues surrounding the regulation of water use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly supports, in principle, the development of a sustainable irrigation strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability study and make recommendations regarding the development of a sustainable irrigation strategy;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in its deliberations the Committee consult with the public, government, and any other organizations that the Committee considers appropriate.

Signed by: Lynne Lund

Signed by: Peter Bevan Baker

Date: April 30, 2021