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Kevin Jones, Chairperson
Jackfish Lake Watershed Association
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Dear Kevin Jones:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Jackfish Lake Watershed Association's work to acquire land control to raise the full supply level of Jackfish Lake.

I understand that this has been an ongoing issue in your area. I appreciate the work you have done so far.

Currently, it is our understanding that watershed associations do have authority to expropriate land; however, the legislative mechanism to do so is specific to watershed associations and may not be ideal for your factual situation.

We can confirm, however, that the Water Security Agency is currently reviewing and assessing potential amendments to *The Watershed Associations Act* in order to properly expand and align desired authority and objectives with complementary water management legislation, including *The Conservation and Development Act* and *The Water Security Agency Act*. This alignment would ensure authority is delegated to water management authorities for the effective and efficient operation of infrastructure and the expropriation of lands where necessary.

The operational efficiency of these waterbodies is a priority to WSA. Future legislative changes will ensure that sufficient land control is obtained using a process with more predictability for all parties and reasonable compensation for the landowner.

Once again, thank you for sharing your resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Cockrill', is written over a large, light-colored oval scribble.

Jeremy Cockrill
Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency

cc: Shawn Jaques, Interim President and CEO, Water Security Agency