



Take action today to protect Manitoba's water



Dear supporter,

Lake Winnipeg needs your immediate help.

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This spring, the provincial government announced plans to lift restrictions preventing the expansion of Manitoba's hog industry, a move that would enable new and expanded barns to be built across the province.

Proposed legislative changes, introduced through the government's Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act (Bill 24), seek to remove two provisions from the current Environment Act: one requiring that an anaerobic digester be installed in all new and expanding barns to manage manure volumes, and a second banning spreading of manure between Nov. 10 and April 10, when frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground prevents manure nutrients from being absorbed into the soil.

In one week, MLAs will return to work. It is anticipated that Bill 24 will come before the legislative assembly during this session. We are asking you to contact your local MLA and speak up for Lake Winnipeg.

Our provincial government has repeatedly assured its voters that its decisions are made using a science-based approach. However, water-quality data are not available to inform the proposed changes to Manitoba's hog industry.

Before undertaking any amendments to regulation or legislation governing the hog industry, it is the responsibility of the government of Manitoba to provide its citizens with robust evidence demonstrating that increased manure application to agricultural fields as a result of industry expansion will not increase phosphorus loading to Lake Winnipeg.

Please join us in advocating for evidence-based decision-making. The more we speak up, the stronger our collective impact becomes. Learn more [here](#).

MLAs need to hear from voters. Any expansion of the hog industry must be undertaken in a manner that safeguards Manitoba's water resources. The health of Lake Winnipeg must be protected.

Contact information for all MLAs can be found [here](#). Not sure which constituency you live in or who your MLA is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address to find out.

Thank you for taking action on this very important issue,

The LWF team

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