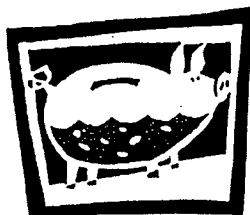
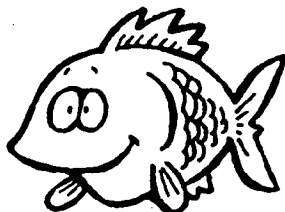


**NOT  
WITHOUT  
A VOTE!**



**Save Ontario Water**

is a coalition of concerned groups and individuals committed to keeping our Ontario water system safe, clean, reliable and reasonably-priced through public ownership and strong government regulation.

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**ONTARIO'S  
DRINKING  
WATER  
FOR  
SALE?**



**T**his week, the Ontario government passed a new law to make it a lot easier to sell your drinking water and wastewater systems to private companies.

**It was a disaster** when they privatized the water system in Britain:

water prices went up by as much as 450%. Many families now pay \$75 a month for their water. One year, 21,000 people had their water cut off because they could not pay.

Dysentery increased by 600%. Hepatitis "A" increased by 200%. The British Medical Association called for an end to water cut-offs because of the health risks.

Corporate profits went sky-high, but companies did not re-invest in the water system even though an estimated 29% of the water in the system was leaking out of old pipes.

## **The public supports our not-for-profit system**

In a poll of 1,263 Ontarians done in February 1997, 86 per cent said water should continue to be provided to consumers at cost, not for a profit. Right now, Ontarians get safe, reliable water at a reasonable cost -- and they know it.

## **LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!**

In 1996, the Ontario government wiped out a rule that required municipalities to hold a public referendum before selling off any public utility.

The government has stolen our democratic rights. We want them back.

Save Ontario Water says that any municipality that is thinking of privatizing water must hold a public referendum first.

That's our best bet for keeping Ontario's water in our hands!

