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Premier Kathy Dunderdale
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Dear Mrs. Dunderdale

I just had to comment on the disaster in Japan, other natural disasters of late, and how it pertains to the island of Newfoundland. As an island province surrounded by the ice cold North Atlantic we have one major thing going for us that many parts of the world don't, we have a safe supply of pure clean water. People take that for granted until they are hit with a natural disaster like what happened in Japan. The little brooks, ponds and gullies that dot our landscapes would be a life saver if nature expelled its furry here in this province. Let's be realistic, what happened in Japan could happen here also. We do not know what is in store for future generations however one thing is for sure, water quality will be of paramount importance. The weather in this province has changed drastically in a short time, when will people get wise and leave our remote wilderness and water ways in peace. Like I said before remote wilderness areas like Cliffty Pond with its brooks and streams flowing from the hills could save many lives in an extreme natural disaster. Japan and many other countries are starving for what we have.

I have written about cabin development and indiscriminate dumping in previous letters and can't over emphasize the importance of limited access in wilderness areas like Cliffty Pond from a natural disaster perspective. Let's get real here Premier Dunderdale rescind remote cabin development in Cliffty Pond and other remote places like it. This unsustainable resource management scheme in regards to remote cabin development will never work in the 21st century. If there is no due diligence at the community level it's a crime against future generations and their offspring. The reality here is nature could wipe out this province as well as anywhere. If we can keep 21st century garbage out of the woods and remote cabin development we might just have a chance. Rescind remote cabin development in places like Cliffty Pond and keep our water ways clean, for we may have our own natural disaster to contend with. No joke! Could our citizens in a natural disaster end up like the lone coyote in a bog with no safe water to drink?

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

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