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Thank you very much for your dedicated work to Lake Winnipeg. It is a very valued piece of Manitoba and to North America and it's respective river basin. Below are my answers to your questions. I greatly appreciate your work on protecting our lakes.

- 1.) Greens will take immediate action to ending harmful chemicals, and reducing manure and sewage run off. We will ensure that all permits for buildings, residential and commercial include a water reclamation system so that they use only minimal amounts of treated water. We will also push for low-cost waterless sanitation systems in new developments and provincial buildings. Also, changing and regulating agricultural practices to make them more sustainable and less dependent on government subsidies.
- 2.) Yes. While finding budgetary room is never an easy task, the greens will keep lake preservation among our highest priorities. We will dedicate ourselves to increasing MCWs funding as they are at the front lines our the knowledge and heath of Manitoba's lakes.
- 3.) Yes. A Green government would introduce legislation within our first year of government. By the end of the legislative term, we would proudly show our before and after improvements to the lakes water quality.
- 4.) The Greens support an implementation of leak detectors that will detect raw sewage being drained in our rivers. This will enforce our protection laws and have the means to prosecute those who are breaking our proposed protection laws.
- 5.) Yes. I do support independent Government agencies that can be more focused on specific environmental issues. An office of the Environmental Commissioner, would be a great start to going beyond what the current Manitoba Clean Environment Commission does not have the resources to accomplish.