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Thank you for your interests and concerns. Please see below for Terry's answers to your questions.

Question 1

A Liberal government will renew its commitment to the protection of the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River Basin and the Lake Winnipeg Basin.

I have been a strong proponent of taking effective action to restore and protect the health of Lake Winnipeg. I was Chair of the Clean Environment Commission and in that role I recommended an aggressive reduction in nutrient loads to Lake Winnipeg and pressed for improvements to pollution control at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre.

A Liberal government will boost investment in green infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years and almost \$20 billion over ten years. This will include community priorities such as water and waste-water facilities, climate resilient infrastructure, energy efficient buildings and systems to protect against changing weather.

I will lead the fight for federal support for water treatment improvements here in Manitoba to ensure we protect Lake Winnipeg and receive our fair share of funding.

Question 2

Liberal policy is to establish and fund a Lake Winnipeg Basin Council that will bring together provinces and states that are in the Lake Winnipeg watershed to develop a comprehensive action plan to restore the health of Lake Winnipeg. Wetland protection should be a vital part of this plan to reduce flooding and the flow of nutrients nutrient loads into Lake Winnipeg.

Question 3

A Liberal government will restore \$1.5 million in federal funding for freshwater research, which was cut by the Conservatives, and we will make new investments in Canada's world-leading IISD Experimental Lakes Area.

The comprehensive action plan referred to above (in Question 2) should include a strong research program coordinated across the basin.

Question 4

I co-authored a 2005 Report by the Lake Winnipeg Implementation Committee titled "Restoring the Health of Lake Winnipeg - Canada's Sixth Great Lake". The recommendations in that report unfortunately were shelved by the Conservative government.

A Liberal government will bring strong participation and support to collaborative efforts by provincial and municipal governments, conservation organizations, industry and educational institutions highlighted in the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan initiative.