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Thanks for questions. If you don't mind, I would first like to make an opening statement, which is that I am an organic farmer, as such I see that many of our problems stem from living within a society that has never been able to deal with the fact that a farmer's labour is free. We sell into a market that tries to buy as low as possible to make themselves a profit. This, very loosely is how we in the farm community have come to embarrass the idea of synthetic chemical which lies at the heart of many of our fresh water problems. So, in my opinion any solution to this problem and recognize that adding synthetic chemicals to the environment is not a solution.

more specifically....we have to stop fracking, adding toxins to the substructure of the land can only exacerbate the problem. How global climate change will play itself out is anyone's guess, ;;but beyond that it is important to recognize that this is a man made event. In my opinion, water is the life blood of the planet, and must be protected. Having recognized this as a priority, I would prefer to talk with our natural resource people who have a far better understanding of the dynamics than I myself do.

Our wet lands are disappearing as a direct result of any leadership when it comes to compensating a farmer for the food they grow. Instead our present government would have us increase production, by any means. So again the heart of the matter is to recognize that we farmers are Stewards of the land.

How much the Green party might invest in solving these matters, "what ever is necessary". Clean water should be a birth right. It's not. Instead we have corporate rights, the right to make a profit, with the resulting problems that you and your organization are trying to address. In this I stand with you in solidarity. Hopefully my support will be that as the member of parliament for the riding of Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman.