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Water Management and Local Government Institutions: A Comparative Perspective

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Abstract: In early 2006, the Local Government Institute (LGI) at the School of Public Administration, University of Victoria entered into a partnership with the Ministry of Community Services (MCS) to develop an agenda for research on emerging government priorities in the context of the Community Charter for local and community governance in British Columbia. The initial work plan for the steering committee focuses on improving regional performance in the Province of British Columbia. Several papers have been developed as part of this project to consider different aspects of regional performance. The purpose of the paper on Water Management and Local Government Institutions is to consider regional drinking water systems in British Columbia from a comparative perspective and attempt to make recommendations to improve regional performance.

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