

Please do not approve Bill #300 - AAC New Britain Water Company Land for 2 reasons:

1). The CT Water Plan is not complete and won't be finished until sometime in 2017.

Nationally, situations have highlighted the importance of abundant, quality, drinking water. CT is blessed but spoiled to the extent we should have had a CT Water Plan in place long before now as it's not something that can be slapped together due to its comprehensiveness. It's extremely import to formulate a clear understanding on how to protect our water resource for our State and our citizens. Passing this bill could have detrimental and irrevocable effects without a full understanding. There's a lot at stake given many unforeseen factors such as water sales and climate change.

2) It's nice that Tilcon wants to create a reservoir in the excavated space. However, speaking from experience having lived in VT, I can tell you when Rte 91 came through disrupting the land north of Putney, it permanently changed the quality of the clear well water that had been enjoyed previous. No longer crystal clear, it was iron orange in color. It never cleared up. It stained fixtures, made spaghetti water froth orange, tubs and toilets looked disgusting, etc. It was tested and deemed drinkable by the State but given a choice I'm sure you'd rather drink the well water prior to Rte 91 not after. While Tilcon's excavation "could" be used as a reservoir, one has to question do you really want to? I'm no geologist so I can't provide specifics as to what occurred in Putney regarding land disruption but there were unsatisfactory consequences regarding water quality.

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