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# this is just to say

"so sweet and so cold", A "more communist" way of writing a blog

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## more on the assault against our food system

Hot on the heels of news that the Wheatboard has lived to fight another day, [the Tyee reports](#) that Wendy Holm, an agrologist who spoke out to them on October 30th about the "muzzling" of her colleagues, has hired a "high-power lawyer" to defend her and her colleagues against [ethic complaints filed by the B.C. Institute of Agrologists](#).

From [the Tyee on October 30th, 2008](#):

"The complaint stems from the disciplining last year of Susan Ames, an agrologist who wrote to Delta Mayor Lois Jackson and the city's council regarding a proposed withdrawal of land from the ALR. In a two-page letter dated July 26, 2007, Ames wrote about the planned redevelopment of the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club, urging Jackson and the council to use caution making their zoning decision."

Essentially, for giving a professional opinion that the aforementioned action would not be in the best interest for British Columbia and its food system, the scientist was censured. A fellow agrologist then brought the muzzling to the Tyee and may be punished for a breach of ethics.

The question would be, then, what is the point of consultation with agrologists in taking land out of the reserve if they are not free to give their independent analysis? This begs the question as to whether or not the British Columbia government takes into account the concerns of any regulatory bodies set up to protect the public interest over private gain. Such was the case with Linda Keen of the Nuclear Safety Commission, and it appears to be an overall trend in neo-liberal ruling governments in Canada. "The economy" and economic growth appears to have precedence over whether or not Canadians would be well-served by given policies.

In response to this undemocratic move by the BCIA, the [Farmland Defense League](#) began taking donations for Wendy Holm's defense fund. They don't appear to be accepting online donations as of yet, but *all Canadians* who are in favour of a

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