

A landscape photograph of a calm lake reflecting the sky. A vibrant rainbow arches across the upper half of the image, its colors clearly visible. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds. The lake's surface is still, creating a clear reflection of the rainbow and the clouds. The shoreline is lined with a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees. In the foreground, some reeds and grasses are visible at the water's edge.

A Water Act for PEI

Making sure we get it right


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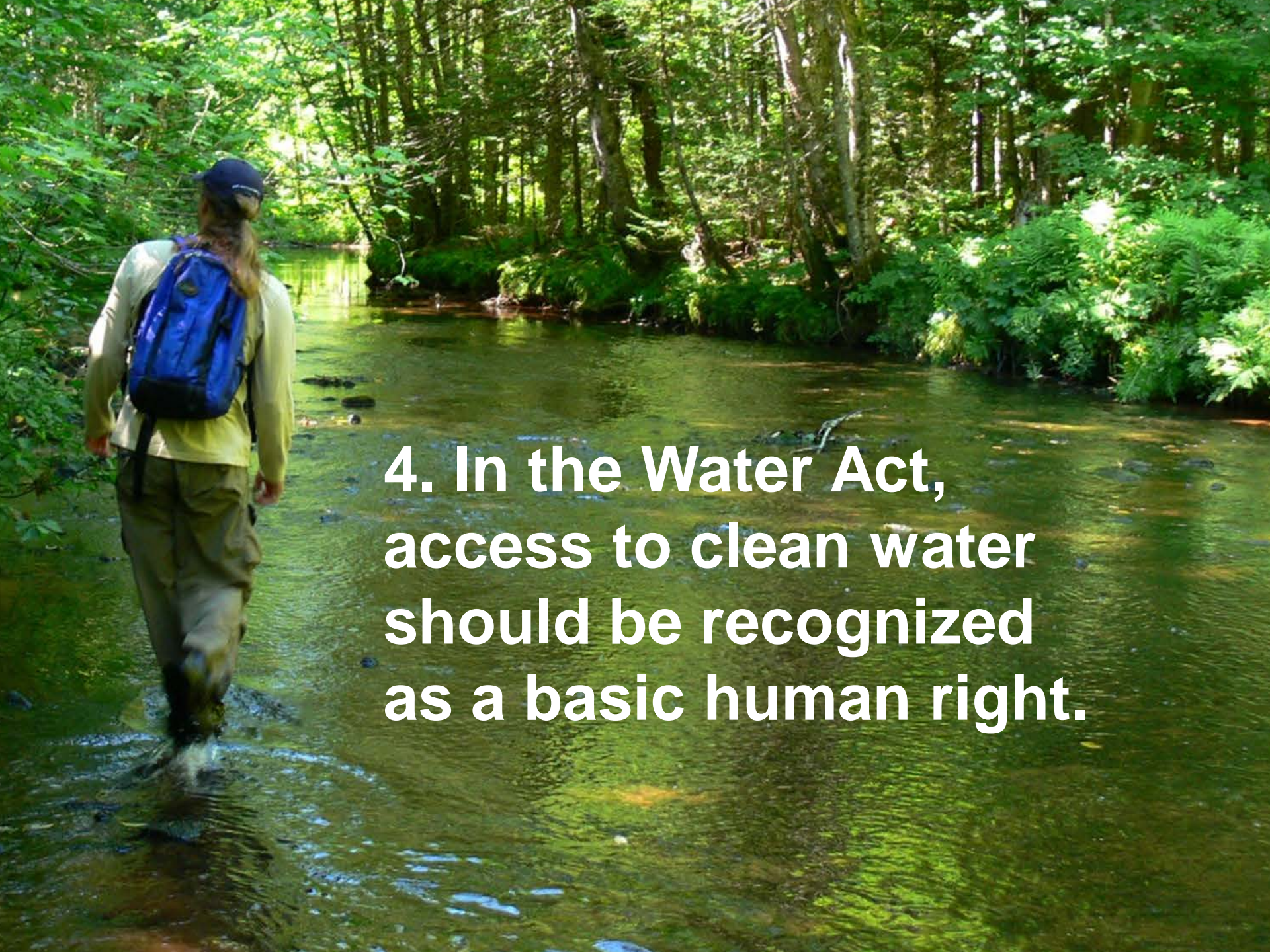
**1. We must face up to the
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problems in this province.**

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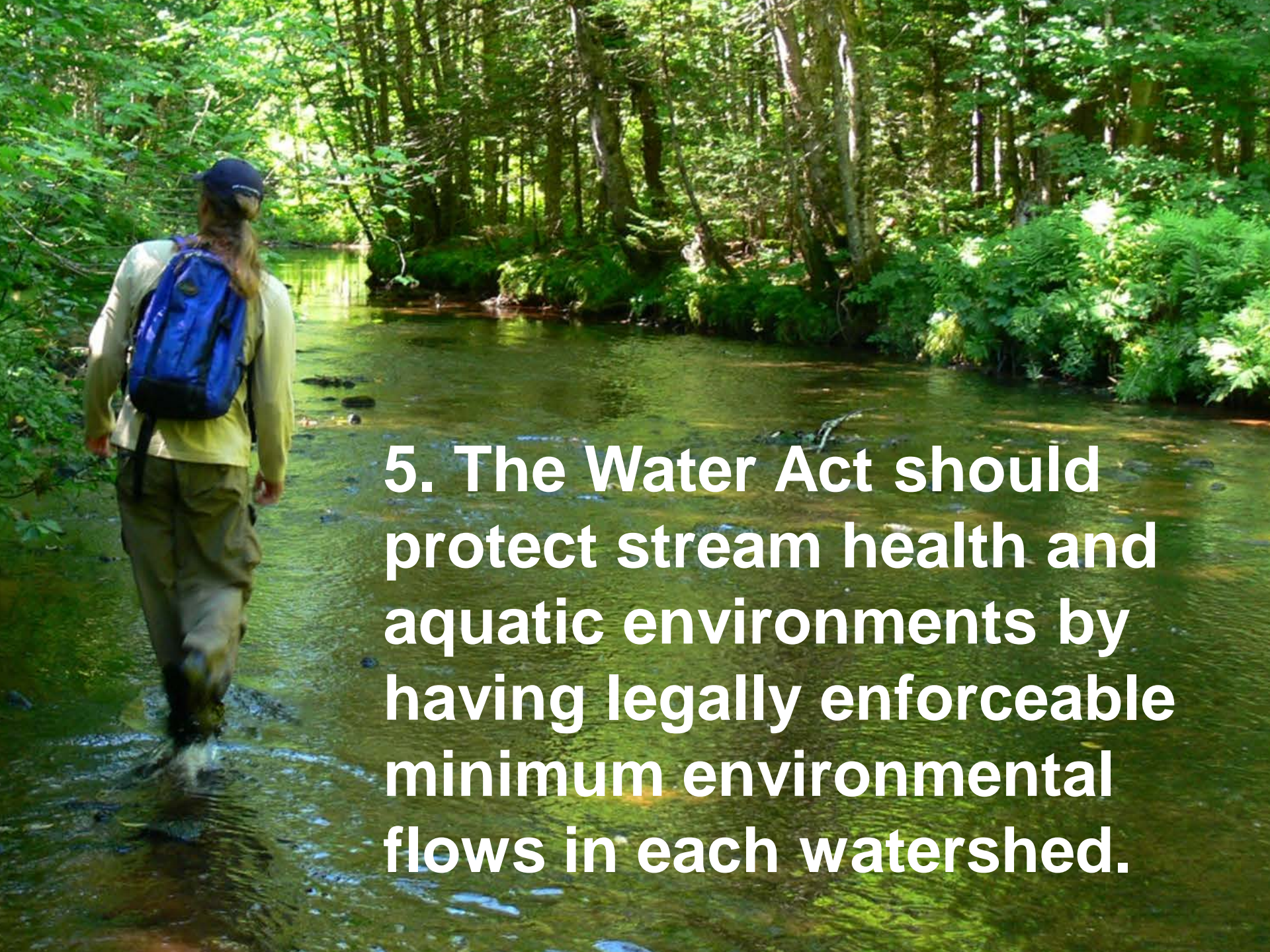
**2. We need boldness in
our leadership to act on
these issues.**

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**3. The Act should focus on
the well-recognized and
widely adopted
“Precautionary Principle”.**

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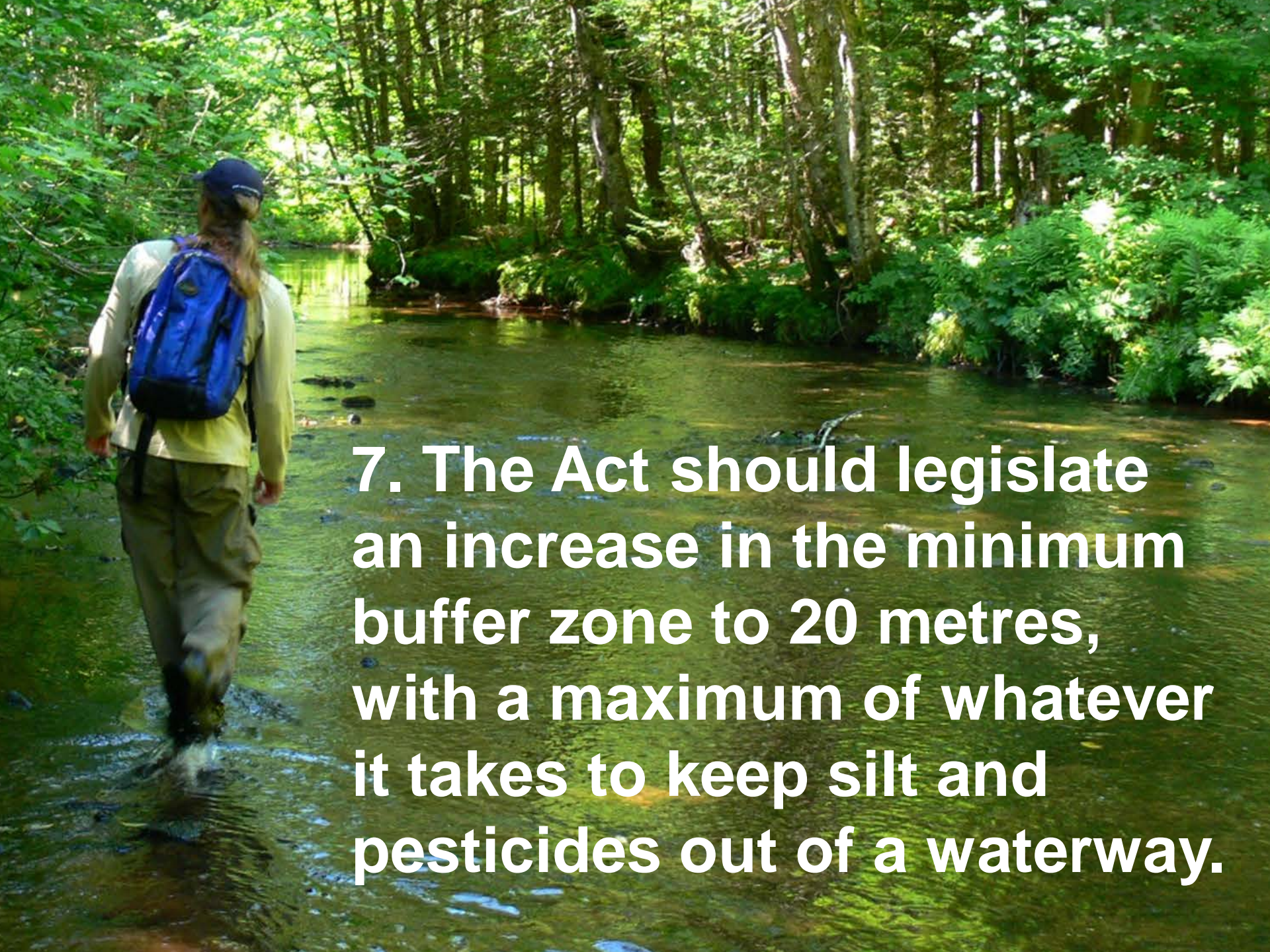
**4. In the Water Act,
access to clean water
should be recognized
as a basic human right.**

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5. The Water Act should protect stream health and aquatic environments by having legally enforceable minimum environmental flows in each watershed.

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6. The Act should include a “Prohibition on introducing foreign matter in streams”, a key component to BC’s new Water Sustainability Act.

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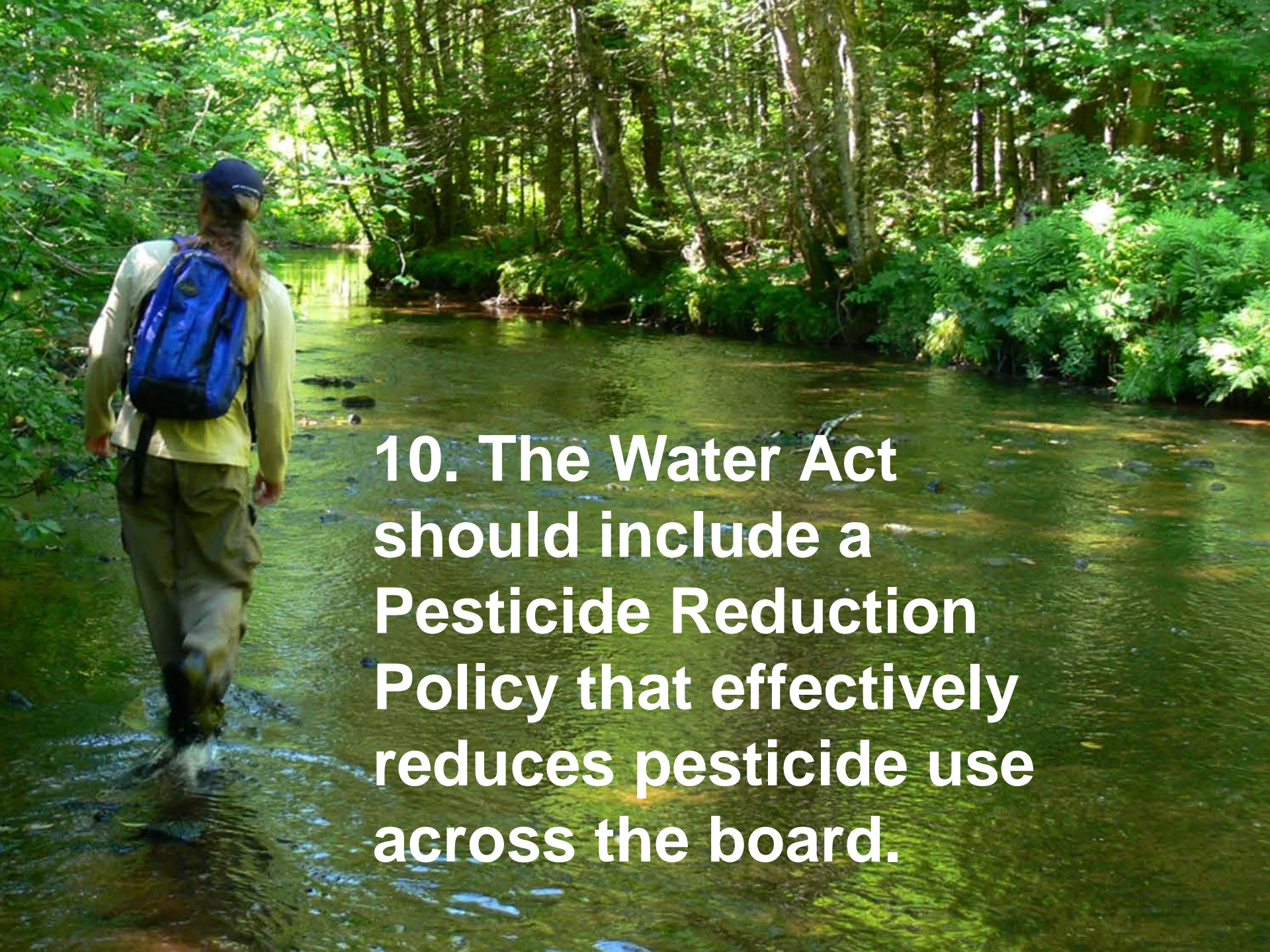
7. The Act should legislate an increase in the minimum buffer zone to 20 metres, with a maximum of whatever it takes to keep silt and pesticides out of a waterway.

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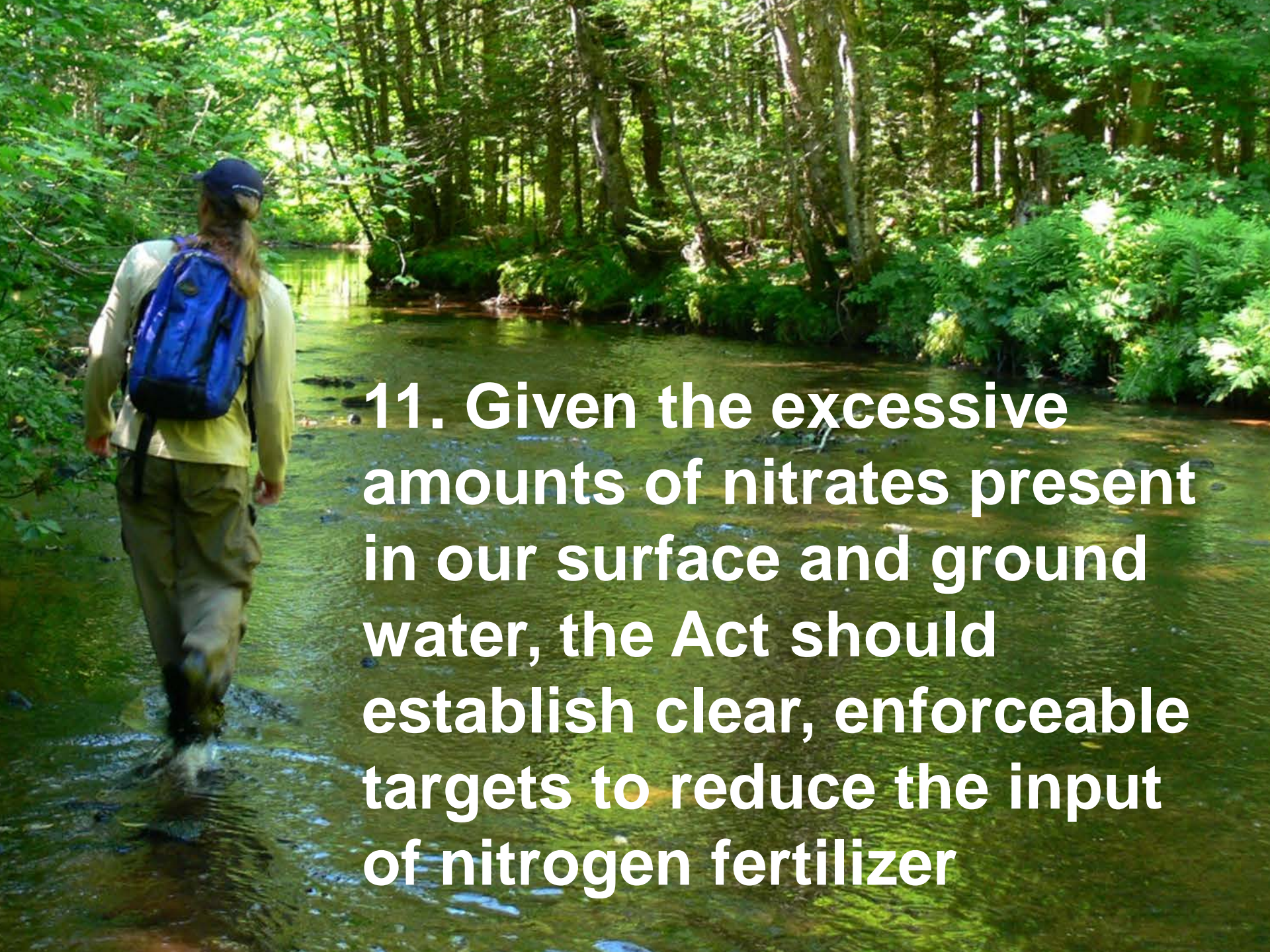
**8. The Act should
remove all loopholes in
the mandatory three-
year crop rotation.**

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9. The previous two recommendations should be financially supported by the provincial government.

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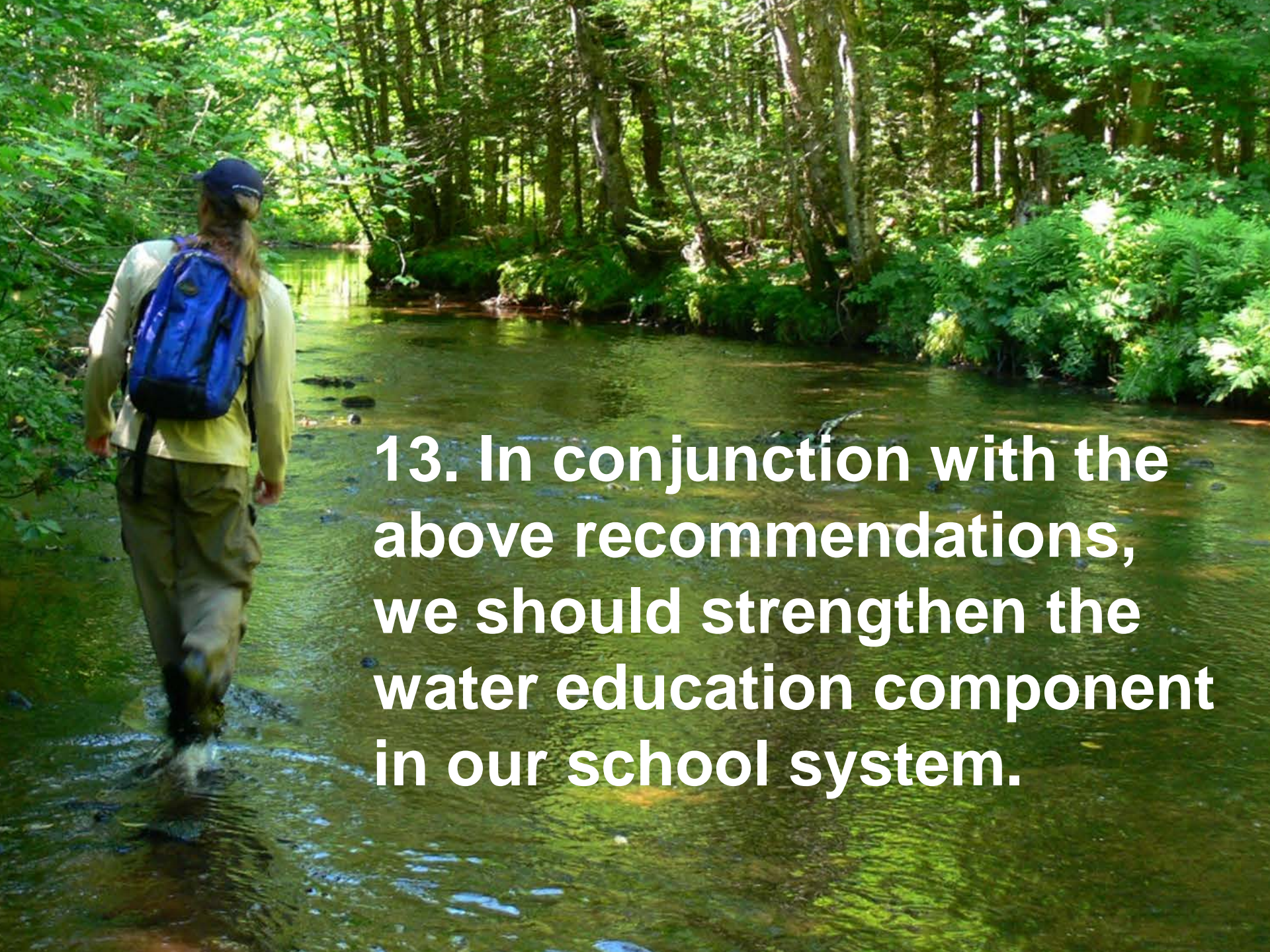
**10. The Water Act
should include a
Pesticide Reduction
Policy that effectively
reduces pesticide use
across the board.**

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11. Given the excessive amounts of nitrates present in our surface and ground water, the Act should establish clear, enforceable targets to reduce the input of nitrogen fertilizer

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12. The Act must clearly state that the province is responsible for monitoring and enforcement, not watershed groups.

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13. In conjunction with the above recommendations, we should strengthen the water education component in our school system.









Finding the balance

