

Writer's Memo: "The Future of Florida's Natural Waters"

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My submission is a policy brief aimed towards Florida policymakers, which works to bring the urgency of water quality management policies to light. In this brief, I am the advocate for the issues surrounding poor water quality management and how current policies do not accommodate for increasing standards. As our population grows, an increase in industrial and agricultural activities follows, consequently leading to heavy pollution in bodies of water across Florida. In this policy brief, I delved into three main sections: one, to highlight the negative effects water pollution has on our environment; two, to point out weaknesses and flaws in existing water quality management projects and policies; and three, to offer policy alternatives and enforce the need for a restructuring of water management practices across Florida as a whole. By offering this document, my goal is to introduce policymakers to a pressing issue, explain the stakes, and most importantly convince them that it is a contemporary problem that needs to be resolved as soon as possible. This project was created as an assignment for my Writing in the Environmental Sciences class at the University of Florida, where we had to play the role of an environmental scientist and submit a policy brief specifically concerning environmental policy.