



BILL WALKER, MPP

BRUCE - GREY - OWEN SOUND

Petition - To Abandon Proposed Niagara Escarpment
Plan Area 2015 reference 012-7228



TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

Whereas, residents and municipalities across Bruce and Grey counties want meaningful consultations on the proposed expansions to the Niagara Escarpment Plan – known as Niagara Escarpment Plan Area 2015 reference 012-7228; and

Whereas, owners of all lands affected should have the right to be fully informed of the merits of the objectives of any such significant proposal; and

Whereas, the proposed change is significant, impacting 45,000 hectares of land in Bruce and Grey counties, including Griffith Island on Georgian Bay, and

Whereas, the potential loss of revenue to local communities would be significant – \$700,000 every year in lost tax revenues (Grey County would lose \$293,700, Grey Highlands \$142,500, The Blue Mountains \$102,000, Meaford \$87,610, Georgian Bluffs \$53,000 and Chatsworth \$20,000); and

Whereas, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has been to-date unable to articulate to area municipalities and people who live on this land the impact on future development from adding 45,000 hectares under the NEC jurisdiction; and

Whereas, the consultation period undertaken by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry concludes as early as October 31st, 2016, making it one of the shortest if not least meaningful consultations carried out by that Ministry; and

Whereas, having shared with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry more than 1,000 petitions to-date signed by local constituents, the Minister has been made aware of the significant concerns and opposition from local residents and area municipalities to this proposal; therefore,

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to call on the government to make their NEC consultation meaningful by heeding the significant feedback from local respondents, municipalities and Grey County, which is to abandon the proposal known as Niagara Escarpment Plan Area 2015 reference 012-7228.

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