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Date

Dear Minister John Yakabuski, Ms. Jessica Ferri, and Ms. Kim Benner,

Re: **Moratorium on all further proposed Aggregate extraction from the Waverley Uplands in Tiny Township and surrounding area - Objection to License 3670**

In 2009 a landfill proposal called Site 41 was defeated at the 11th hour. First Nations, Farmers, Cottagers, David Crombie, Ralph Nader, Dale Goldhawk, Maude Barlow and many others came together to protect the pristine groundwater resource that lies under the proposed garbage dump. Area residents care about this water deeply and support for their efforts was received from people around the world.

Now this same water - the purest groundwater ever identified - is under threat again- this time from a gravel pit expansion in the Waverley Uplands. The Uplands represent the recharge area for this pristine aquifer, one of the most important natural resources in Simcoe County, Ontario.

We wish to echo the proposal of Professor William Shotyk (Dr. rer. nat. habil., P.Ag., FRSC & President of the Elmvale Foundation) for an immediate moratorium on expansion of aggregate extraction in the Waverley Uplands, until the impacts on the groundwater flow systems are fully understood (see attached letters).

There are legitimate concerns about current activities negatively impacting this groundwater as outlined to your Ministry in two reports by Professional Geoscientist Wilf Ruland. In response CRH Canada Group Inc., Dufferin Aggregates has asked for further expansion and has applied for a 10-year permit to take water at its Teedon Pit for over 6 million litres a day. Area wells have become silty intermittently since extraction has occurred. We have asked the Proponent for a cumulative impact study to be done and turbidity monitors to be installed in area wells. Since 2009 this type of study has been recommended; however, the Proponent refuses. We ask you, Minister, to ensure it happens as recommended by the Environmental Commissioner’s office since 2009: https://media.assets.eco.on.ca/archive/2015/03/2008-09-AR.pdf#page=31

This groundwater is the “gold standard” of water quality. CRH must not be permitted to bring in foreign material such as asphalt, fill and other contaminants that could put this aquifer at risk.

These are my objections to the application for Extension/Expansion of the Teedon Pit, Darby Rd, Waverley ON. If these issues are not resolved I request that the matter be referred to a tribunal. I also request that my email and attached letter be included in the public record and included as comments to the pending licence application.

But most of all, I ask you, Minister, to please consider future generations and choose to protect our aquifer and clean drinking water over aggregate extraction. The fate of our very clean water hangs in the balance and is being closely watched … as a litmus test for your government.

Sincerely,

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