

Mr. Don Scott

Chair of Niagara Escarpment Commission

Dear Mr. Don Scott:

I am writing to register my concern over the recent challenge filed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission as well as the lack of accountability currently being demonstrated on this issue.

As you are aware, Walker Industries just completed one of the longest most protracted processes in the Province's history in their bid to secure an approval for their aggregate operation in Duntroon, Ontario. This process provided opportunities for some of the most respected experts in the environmental sciences field to submit reports provide testimony and scrutinize submissions. Throughout this extremely complex and detailed process some of the most experienced and qualified people from the department of environment and natural resource provided their input, opinions and direction towards the final decision.

My concerns focuses on the complete lack of respect currently being demonstrated towards this process by the NEC as well as that directed towards the participant that it affected. It seems absurd that an organization that to a large extent must operate on some level of trust or confidence with the people it is there to serve would conduct itself in such a manner.

It is in this regard that I am most sincerely requesting that you remove your challenge to the current approval and work with the Walker Team along with its neighbors. I can say with a high level of confidence that it is only through positive engagement can positive results be attained.

Sincerely,

Rick Lloyd

Deputy Mayor,

Collingwood

Cc. Premier McGuinty

Attorney General John Gerretson

Minister of Environment Jim Bradley

Minister of Natural Resources Michael Gravelle

Minister of Finance Dwight Duncan