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Mr. Tom Hughes,
Ontario Humane Society,
896 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Further to our recent conversation, we are enclosing a copy of our brief in response to the provincial government's "Green Paper on Environmental Assessment." The summary at the beginning of the brief (of which an additional, separate copy is enclosed) outlines the main points which we feel are crucial if meaningful public involvement in the environmental impact review process is to become a reality.

We would ask that, if you agree with these principles, you indicate your support for them in your own submission, or write a letter to this effect to the Minister at the following address:

Hon. J.A.C. Auld,
Minister of the Environment,
135 St. Clair Avenue West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Please mail a copy to our office, as this will be the only compilation available of the submissions sent to the Minister. We are asking the Ministry to prepare a summary and list of submissions and letters from all sources.

The deadline for submissions is January 1st (moved up from November 1st!) although the Minister will probably accept them after this date.

As emphasized in the brief, an adequate and effective review process, involving the public, is the most effective means to ensure that the quality of the environment will be maintained. Since Ontario's lead will likely be followed in other provinces and at the federal level, it is imperative that a satisfactory process, worthy of emulation, be implemented from the beginning.

It would be extremely helpful if you could see your way to putting the summary, or a digest of it, in the next issue of your publication, with a request to your 35,000 members to write letters in support of it, as private citizens, to Minister Auld (sending copies to us).

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

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