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W.R. Smithies,  
Ontario Economic Council,  
950 Yonge Street,  
Toronto M4Y 2B3

Dear Sir:

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 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 has been moved up to January 1; however, the Minister will probably accept them after that date as well.

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 difficult to overstress the need to implement a satisfactory process, worthy of emulation, from the beginning.

Yours very truly,

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