

May 9, 1978

Ms. D. Saxe
Ministry of Energy
Legal Services Branch
56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Dianne:

Thank you very much for offering to write a review of Legal Barriers to Solar Heating and Cooling of Buildings.

I have arranged for you to have one year's free subscription to the Canadian Environmental Law Reports and the CELA Newsletter.

Congratulations on "Perspectives on Access to Sunlight". I think it is excellent, and I have written to the Minister to say so as well.

Sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

John Swaigen
General Counsel

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May 9, 1978

The Honourable Reuben Baetz
Minister of Energy
12th Floor
56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2B7

Dear Mr. Baetz:

Thank you for sending me your discussion paper "Perspectives on Access to Sunlight". It appears to be a thorough, well-balanced and lucid analysis of the problem and alternative solutions.

Sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

John Swaigen
General Counsel

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March 29, 1978

Mr. Julian Reed
Member of Provincial Parliament
Parliament Buildings
Queens Park
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Reed,

Enclosed please find a copy of an article on Solar Rights, which I recently published in the Toronto Star. You will note that the Ontario Government has never released any public information about its Solar Rights, study, nor has the Honourable Minister of Energy replied to my correspondence. I would appreciate it if you would consider asking a question in the House about this. If you do so, would you please send me a copy of the excerpt from Hansard.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

John Swaigen
Counsel

March 29, 1978

The Hon. Reuben Baetz
Minister of Energy
12th Floor
56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Baetz,

When may I expect the courtesy of a reply to my letter
of February 3?

Sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

John Swaigen
Counsel

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March 28, 1978

Mr. John Swaigen,
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1 Spadina Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario,
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Dear Mr. Swaigen:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about our research into the area of "solar access".

May I firstly apologize for the delay in replying to your letter and assure you that it was not my intent to avoid the issue you have raised.

While you are correct that our substantive research into solar access took place last summer, the paper itself is not yet complete. I expect to be able to issue a working paper for discussion purposes sometime in May.

Any legislation contemplated in this area will require very thorough study and public discussion prior to its enactment and I look forward to any comments your group may have when our paper is released. I will ensure that you receive a copy of the paper as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,



Reuben Baetz,
Minister.

March 10, 1978.

Mr. David Crane
Toronto Star
1 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Crane,

You may recall that several months ago I telephoned you to find out whether you might be interested in an article I was writing about the pollution problems being caused by the exemption of railways, airports, and aircraft, and other matters under federal jurisdiction, from provincial laws. I put that article aside after the first draft due to some pressing matters at the time, and I haven't returned to it yet.

However, I have recently written the enclosed article which deals with a matter the public has been taking a great interest in lately, solar energy. However, the publicity being given to solar energy has not touched upon the problem of solar rights that I have raised in this article. Nor has the public been made aware of the studies being done by the provincial government, so the article may have some hard news value.

I hope you will consider this article for publication in the Opinion column or on the Insight page. In fairness to editors, my practice is to submit an article to only one publication at a time, and you are the first to see this article. I hope you will extend me a similar courtesy and let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

John Swaigen, Counsel

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