



CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DU DROIT DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

October 5, 2009

Ann Marie Weselan, Acting Manager
Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Integrated Environmental Policy Division
Land and Water Policy Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 6th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
GLA.moe@ontario.ca

Dear Ms. Weselan:

**Canadian Environmental Law Association Submission regarding
EBR Registry Number: 010-6350 Stewardship-Leadership-Accountability.
Managing Ontario's Water Resources for Future Generations**

Attached to this letter are the submissions of the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) with regard to EBR Registry Number 010-6350. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on MoE's proposal with regards to protecting Ontario's water resources.

In addition to these comments there is an additional matter we wish to raise with the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources. As a member of the Great Lakes Charter Annex Advisory Panel (AAP) we are concerned that this consultation has not allowed us the further discussion we expected on strengthening Ontario's approach to intra-basin transfers as set out in the January 30th 2007 letter from then Assistant Deputy Minister Natural Resource Management Division, Kevin Wilson, a copy of which is attached.

Ontario has been a strong advocate for protecting the Great Lakes which goes well beyond what other jurisdictions have been willing to consider. We would like this leadership to continue and hope that the intra-basin transfer options are brought back to the AAP for review prior to finalisation. We appreciate that our consultations in Ontario have been more extensive than those in other Great Lake jurisdictions. However, we believe that expertise and experience of the members APP provide valuable input with regards to the issues involving the Great Lakes Basin and warrant consideration by this Panel.

Yours truly,

Sarah Miller

Sarah Miller
Researcher

cc:

Brenda Lucas
Senior Policy Advisor
Ministry of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 1P5
Brenda.Lucas@ontario.ca

Paula Thompson
Senior Policy Advisor
Ministry of Natural Resources
6th Floor, Room 6630
Whitney Block 90 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3
Paula.L.Thompson@ontario.ca

Gord Miller
Environmental Commissioner of Ontario
Suite 605, 1075 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2B1
commissioner@eco.on.ca