

Dear Newmarket Council,

My name is Helen Doner and I live in Holland Landing in East Gwillimbury.

I urge you to please help stop the Ontario Government's unrelenting march toward building the Bradford Bypass.

The Bradford Bypass will have a negative impact on the Holland River and surrounding wetlands by destroying nesting and feeding habitat for birds, animals, insects, and aquatic life. As a kayaker who spends many hours on the Holland River each year, I am worried about what the digging, dredging, destruction of forests and farmland, and changes in grading will mean to the river and Lake Simcoe, both of which are already not in good health. The emissions from all the vehicles will only add to the damage done by putting a four lane highway across this sensitive area.

We can't afford to use up these important lands that provide us with natural spaces for our families to visit, put food on our tables, and are home to many threatened species of birds, mammals, amphibians, fish, insects, trees and plants.

Each new development and infrastructure project approved uses up the scarce farmland that we have in Ontario. We can't afford to lose more of it without careful consideration given to each project.

A 24 year old provincial environmental assessment does not provide enough information with which to proceed. We need a full and current federal EA to help determine the full impact of this highway.

Please support the resolution provided by the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition for a full Federal Environmental Assessment on the Bradford Bypass so that no work can begin until we know all the facts about its environmental impact. Please think about how your decision will affect future generations.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Helen Doner
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