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Subject: Highway 413 & Bradford Bypass

Members of York Regional Council and Richmond Hill Council: I am a Richmond Hill resident who is opposed to building highways that encourage sprawl and destroy Greenbelt lands.

I am concerned about the Highway's environmental and human impacts. It will cross many rivers and watercourses, it will destroy hundreds of acres of Greenbelt lands (are these not protected?!), it will encourage urban sprawl, it will lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions during a Climate Emergency. It will lead to more air pollution and increased health impacts. The Bradford Bypass will cut through the rich agricultural lands of the Holland Marsh. These unneeded and unwanted highways will cost tax payers billions of dollars.

I understand that the province has already stripped major sections out of the Highway's environmental assessment and changed the rules to allow construction to begin before the EA is even completed! How can this be?!   Clearly a provincial EA is not enough! I encourage you to support a thorough federal EA to help determine the full impacts of these highways.

In just the last few weeks, Councils in Peel Region, Caledon, Vaughan, Mississauga, Brampton, Halton Hills and Toronto have all spoken out either completely opposing the Highway, or in favour of a full federal environmental assessment. I urge York Regional Council to pass a motion to oppose Highway 413, and vote to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways, so that no work can begin until all the facts about their environmental impacts are known.

Sincerely,
Terry Knight
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