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**Subject:** A Vaughan Citizen who Opposes Highway 413 and the Bradford Pass

Hello,

My name is Joshua and I live in Maple, Vaughan. I am a recently graduating student with a very deep concern for the impending environmental catastrophe. I still try to live with hope that there will be consideration for the costs of huge construction projects starting without the consequences on our land being properly considered.

I oppose Highway 413 and the Bradford bypass because of its immense impact in our wetlands. We know that for example, Highway 413 will cross rivers and water courses 85 times, destroy 400 acres of the greenbelt, increase emissions and urban sprawl. The environmental assessment is not enough, the province stripped sections out of Highway's EA to allow for construction before the EA is completed, so we need a federal EA to help determine the full impacts of these highways before such a construction project with many unknown consequences is begun.

Many York municipalities have reacted to the reality of our ecological crisis by declaring a climate emergency. But declaring an emergency is not enough without properly following through with appropriate assessment, response and action. I hope that you will do the right thing and undergo a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways so that no works can begin until we understand all of the facts about their impact.

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