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Subject: Hwy 413

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my grave concern and disappointment with the Provincial Government's Plans to force through Hwy 413 without Environmental Assessment.

I live in a rural area just outside Mount Albert. My life's work has been dedicated to health, fitness, getting outside and appreciating and protecting nature. Already urban and suburban sprawl has destroyed so much of what is beautiful about this area. (I've lived in York Region most of my life and grieve for all the beautiful farmland and forests of my youth that are buried under subdivisions and Big Box stores). We are losing birds, wildlife and insects at catastrophic rates. And climate change will add to the devastation. I appreciate that people need homes, but I think there are a multitude of other ways that we could be addressing this issue. Furthermore, we have very little infrastructure for less destructive means of transportation. For example, I can hardly believe that we still have so little Go Train service to Toronto. I think the money slated for this project would be far better spent on other projects like trails, safe bike lanes and more frequent, two-way train service.

The dictatorial nature of the Ford Government when it comes to the environment is abhorrent to me, and the repercussions of these terrible decisions today will be visited on generations to come. The science is being ignored and silenced. In my entire lifetime I've never imagined that the government could be so in-the-pocket of developers. It breaks my heart.

Please make a motion to oppose Hwy 413 and support a full environment assessment.

Best wishes,
Elaine Jackson