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Subject: Opposition to Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass

Dear York Regional Council,

We are writing as a retired teacher and a retired school principal who have lived in Thornhill for the past 30 years and are very concerned about the proposal to build Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass.

Their environmental impact will be devastating, with huge swathes of Greenbelt being destroyed. Precious ecosystems will be lost. At a time when we are fighting climate change this project will increase greenhouse gas levels. We are concerned about the state of the planet that we are passing on to future generations.

These roads would be built at a great cost both in dollar and environmental terms. It's a legacy that York Regional Council surely does not want to leave.

A provincial environmental assessment is not enough - the province has already removed major sections of the environmental assessment and allowed construction to begin before their assessment has been completed. For the magnitude of this project a federal environmental assessment is essential.

We urge the council to move a motion to oppose Highway 413, and vote to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways, so that no works can begin until we know all the facts about their environmental impacts.

Please consider our environment first - it is irreplaceable; our future generations are relying on you making the right decision.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Cumner and Patricia Hektor

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