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Subject: Highway 413

On March 18th, York Regional Council should join the councils in Peel Region, Caledon, Vaughan, Mississauga, Brampton, Halton Hills and Toronto in the condemnation of the proposed highway 413. If the irreversible damage to the environment - the destruction of 400 acres of the Greenbelt, the increase in greenhouse gases and air pollution, the contamination of water courses - is not reason enough, consider the \$6 billion cost to taxpayers.

When the Liberal Provincial Government decided to shelve the proposed highway in 2018, they gave strong reasons why it was unnecessary and undesirable, based on a review by an expert panel. The full report of the panel can be found at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/publications/gta-west-report/executive-summary.shtml> . Among other recommendations, this panel noted that "*The Panel found that other alternative actions are capable of providing benefits equivalent to or greater than the recommended new corridor, including congestion pricing, priority truck lanes on Hwy 407 and growth management.*" Nothing has changed. The other, less invasive, options suggested by the expert panel should be explored.

The Ford Government's record on environmental issues shows that they are not to be trusted to carry out an adequate environmental assessment.

Please join the other councils by voting for a full federal environmental assessment.

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