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Hello Friend of the Bala Falls,

## **We Need You Now**

There are only a few more days to respond to the proponent's environmental screening report and **we need more responses** to be e-mailed.

1. To respond, please pick a few issues important to you and write a letter, [our e-Newsletter with the details is here](#). It is helpful to point out why these issues can't be addressed by the proponent, such as:
  - Warning signs can't make the water intake safe.
  - Scuba diving at Diver's Point would never be safe again.
  - People are drawn to Bala to see the falls, not where they used to be.
  - Bringing the fast water from Lake Muskoka closer to the recreation area at the base of the north falls would be dangerous to the public (there were fatalities at the falls this past summer).
  - Why does the proponent refuse to let us know what the appearance of the power station would be.
  - Youth have been ignoring warning signs for 100 years and jumping from the railway bridge, and they would end up in grave danger – already inside the upper safety boom.
  - What would the rescue procedures be and what group would have responsibility and equipment for this.
  - Making 500' of prime Muskoka shoreline too dangerous for public use goes against the District of Muskoka's Official Plan. This would be almost all of the publically-available shoreline there is in the area.
  - How can the proponent claim there would be a net positive economic benefit because they would hire one person, without even providing an economic impact study.
  
2. Suggest what would be needed to confirm your concerns (rescue procedures developed, side views of the proposed power station, an economic impact study), and that you are requesting an elevation to an Individual Environmental Assessment so this information can be provided.

3. Some people have had their e-mail to the Ministry rejected, so send a copy to us as well, and we'll ensure it is received by them.
4. **This weekend** please send your e-mail to all of: [info@SaveTheBalaFalls.com](mailto:info@SaveTheBalaFalls.com), [EAABGen@ene.gov.on.ca](mailto:EAABGen@ene.gov.on.ca), [TClarke@hatch.ca](mailto:TClarke@hatch.ca)
5. If you have any questions, or would like us to review your e-mail, contact us at [info@SaveTheBalaFalls.com](mailto:info@SaveTheBalaFalls.com)

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