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Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls

In your capacity as the MPP for my home riding I have met with you more than once about the proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls.

When I last described the situation, your comment was that "it certainly sounds convoluted".

Well, it is now even more strange, as the proponent:

- Plans work for which they do not have environmental approval.
- Would not be honouring commitments they made during the competitive process for which they were awarded this opportunity.

I have detailed the current situation in the attached letters to Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Mauro and Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Murray. These letters show this proponent is out of control, unilaterally making changes to suit themselves, changes that would harm the environment and endanger the public.

As complicated and convoluted as the ten year history of this proposed project is, I ask that you consider these two simple options to finally deal with this:

- 1) Require the proponent to honour the commitments they made; in their 2005 proposal, and for their environmental approvals.
- 2) If the proponent will not honour their commitments, then I note that the well-written MNR RFP anticipated this possibility and is very clear; the proponent's opportunity can be cancelled, with **no cancellation costs payable** as it was the **proponent's choice to provide inaccurate information** and to renege on their commitments.

Premier Wynne, I had understood that your government would have greater transparency, yet for my current Freedom of Information request for **only** the MNR's documents on **only** this proposed project for **only** the last seven months of 2014 would be **over 20,000**

documents and require **eight months** to be provided. Senior direction is needed now to strongly and finally deal with this situation.

Allowing this proponent such latitude in driving the process has been to the detriment of the public and is making a mockery of the process.

Please respond with what your government will do to require this proponent to honour their proposal and environmental commitments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitchell Shnier".

Mitchell Shnier, on behalf of SaveTheBalaFalls.com

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