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Dear Ontario Ombudsman:

**Re: Proposed project to construct a hydro-electric generating station at  
the Bala North Falls**

**Complaint Submission**

- 1) My name is Mitchell Shnier, 25 Lower Links Road, Toronto, ON M2P 1H5, 416 222-1430, contact by e-mail is preferred, address is Mitchell@Shnier.com  
I am submitting this on behalf of SaveTheBalaFalls.com, which has been acting as a community conduit for information on the subject proposed project.
- 2) This complaint concerns actions and decisions made by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). The current main decision-making individuals on this issue appear to be Mr. Ken Durst and Ms. Anne Collins.
- 3) As presented in the attached letter, we find that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are:
  - a) Not following their Statement of Environmental Values.
  - b) Making decisions for which they do not have expertise.
- 4) We request that the MNRF not provide any further approvals until the required procedures have been followed.
- 5) The matter is urgent as the proponent has recently stated they intend to begin construction "imminently".

This is a complex and technical topic, I would be pleased to have the opportunity to provide background and documentation.

Thank you for your investigation of these complaints.

Sincerely,



Mitchell Shnier, on behalf of SaveTheBalaFalls.com