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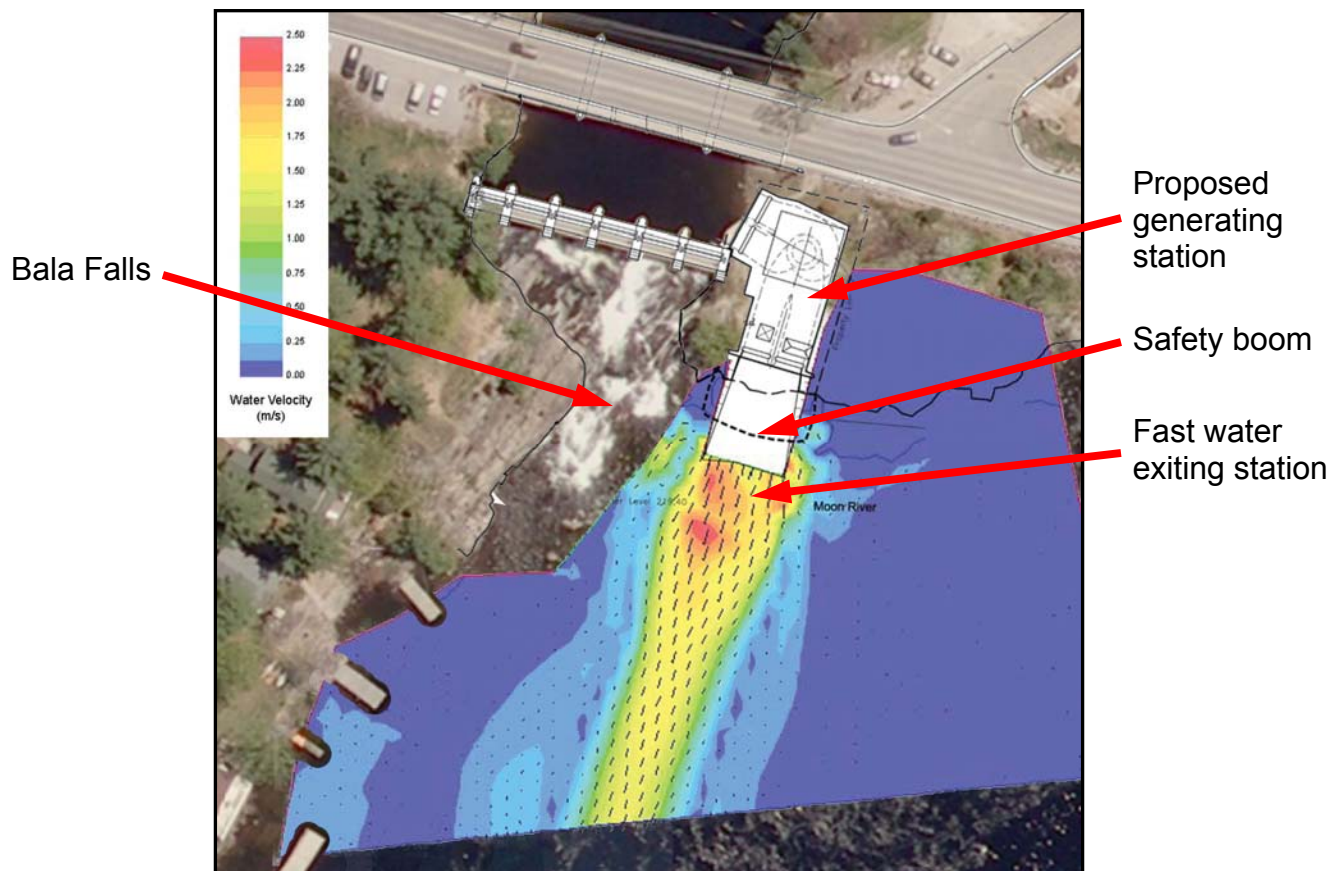
Dear Premier Wynne:

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

When I met with you last year and provided an update concerning the proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala Falls, you summarized the situation as “convoluted”.

I must update you that the situation is now “soon to be deadly”, as the proponent has proposed a new design which will result in unsuspecting people being drowned.

As shown in the figure below, the proponent’s design would now have treacherously-turbulent water just feet from the public area where vacationing families splash and play in the summer at the base of the serene Bala Falls. And this dangerously-fast water would **start, without warning, at about noon** in the summer, just when visitors would think it was safe. And this water would be just as **dangerous outside of the floating “safety boom”** as within it. Such **deception and grievous design will result in drowning deaths.**



It appears that neither the province nor the proponent believe they have a responsibility for public safety. Accordingly, we have posted very direct and clear information under "Recent Articles" at <http://SaveTheBalaFalls.com>.

We understand the province's push for renewable energy, but the proponent's current design is simply too dangerous and drownings will result.

We also understand the province doesn't want to be responsible for the proponent's costs incurred so far, but those dealing with the government know that there are many approvals required, and each needs to be considered separately.

Premier Wynne, please require the:

- 1) Ministry of Natural Resources to thoroughly consider public safety in their Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act *Location Approval* process.

Such dangers are exactly what this process is to address. And as the proponent has proposed an unworkable, infeasible, and impractical design, LRIA **Location Approval must be denied**.

- 2) Proponent to communicate with and respond to the public about the dangers this proposal would create.

Otherwise there will be fatalities and these would be the fault of the province and the proponent.

Please respond with what actions you will take to ensure the safety of vacationing families.

Sincerely,



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