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Dear Premier Wynne:

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

I am the e-Newsletter editor for the St. Andrews Ratepayers Association (near Yonge Street and York Mills Road).

Before you became Premier I have met with you twice as a constituent on the issue of the proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls. Since you have become Premier I have sent you several letters on this same issue.

- 1) Nobody in Ontario has ever built a hydro-electric generating station as close to public and private docks, and in the middle of an in-water recreational area.
- 2) The MOECC has no in-house public safety expertise, as shown by the recent Collingwood wind turbine decision by the *Environmental Review Tribunal* that reversed the MOECC's approval as the proposed wind turbines would be too close to two airports.
- 3) The MNR usually depends on Transport Canada's safety assessment, but due to the implementation of the *Navigation Protection Act*, Transport Canada did not assess the dangers that would be created in the downstream Moon River.
- 4) Treacherously turbulent and fast water would extend more than 160' **outside** of the downstream safety boom. And the proponent would **not** provide warning to the public even though MNRF safety procedures require this.

Could you request that before any further approvals are issued, the proponent be required to show how they could operate their proposed generating station safely.

Sincerely,

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