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Hello Premier-designate Ford:

## **Re: Proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls**

The community looks forward to your stopping the proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls as you stated in Bala on February 27, 2018. This is necessary as we know this proposed project would:

- Be deadly dangerous, as it would be unprecedented to build such an industrial facility in the middle of a popular in-water recreational area and the proponent refuses to show how they could or would safely operate and adequately warn the public of the extreme dangers their proposed project would create.
- Not be built according to their environmental approvals
- Be too expensive, as Ontarians would pay this private developer a subsidy of more than \$100,000,000 over the initial 40-year term of the FIT contract – even though; Ontario doesn't need this power, it would be generated at the times of the year when it isn't needed, and the two existing downstream hydro-electric generating stations produce power at far lower cost.

Ontarians are well aware of and rightfully outraged that the previous Liberal government's poor planning of stopping the proposed Oakville and Mississauga generating stations resulted in Ontario paying cancellation costs of more than a billion dollars. But for the proposed Bala project, there need not be any cancellation costs as all the provincial government has to do is require the proponent to abide by the commitments they made for the approvals they have received. We do not believe the proponent would or could continue working on this proposed project if they had to honour the commitments they made for their environmental approval.

We look forward to providing more detail on this issue, as the bureaucrats have been subject to political interference for so long that they will not be able to provide unbiased information to you.

Please reply with what steps your government will take to stop this proposed project.

Sincerely,



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