

August 1, 2007

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE OF THE TRENT SEVERN PANEL

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Re: Environmental Concerns and the Trent Severn Waterway

This submission is on behalf of the Cameron Lake South Shore Cottagers Association. With great respect we submit to the committee that there is no greater need for the future of the Trent Severn than to nurture and protect the waterway in a natural, ecological state of health. At this point in our history, the timeliness of this issue is paramount.

All levels of government have failed to offer protection to the air and water in and around the Trent Severn. Those of us that live on the water, and swim and boat in and on it are aware that our enjoyment as residents is no different from the quality of the enjoyment of others that use the waterway for leisure and recreation. Residents further understand that the privilege of owning a piece of waterfront amounts to nothing less than the responsibility of being good stewards. We now ask for your support in this role.

Accordingly, we urge the committee to protect the natural environment in and around all of the waters of the Trent Severn with a complete ban of all pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers and other chemicals within a 200 foot/ 60 metre perimeter strip on all lakes, lagoons, rivers and streams in this great watershed.

By having the federal government proclaim such a ban, this removes the onus of responsibility from local municipalities to address this issue. Individual municipalities have not had success in handling this issue in the face of the farm chemical and pharmaceutical industry lobby.

The 200 foot/60 metre ban would be enforced under penalty of law. Our children and their children will be the beneficiaries of this protection and it is entirely congruent with the mandate of the committee.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge you to act on this environmental responsibility.

Yours Sincerely,

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