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I appreciate the opportunity to submit the following to the Panel in hopes that many viewpoints will be considered in any future plans for use and operation of the Trent-Severn Waterways.

There is a very strong consensus on the part of groups or individuals who have presented or submitted that the Tributary Lakes are severely impacted from the annual draw downs.

It is with extreme concern that I read in a presentation posted on the web site that there are plans or considerations underway to create a Diversion Channel at Peterborough for the generation of Hydro Electric Power.

It is relatively obvious that this, or any other similar creations, would increase the need for water and down stream 'flow'. The tributary lakes would be further stressed and negatively impacted to supply this water. There would be a continuation, if not an acceleration, of the current draw down procedure where multi-log pulls are undertaken to create a 'flow' of water.

I submit that the generation of Hydro Electric Power as a by-product of the normal and natural flow of the Trent-Severn Waterway is an excellent and viable concept however, to create new artificial diversion channels or, any other new water dependant projects, would result in additional severe and detrimental impacts upon the headwater tributary lakes of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Respectfully,

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