



Coalition for
Equitable
Water Flow

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The Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway

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Dear Chairman Downey and Panel Members:

On behalf of the CEWF members, I commend you on the excellence of your public meetings and your commitment to broad consultation on the complex issues before you.

I wish to bring to your attention one additional matter of great concern to the Coalition. This is the manner in which the Trent Rapids Power Corporation's (TRPC) proposal for a new hydro generation plant at Locks 22 & 23 is being fast-tracked, rather than waiting for the Panel's report. We are very disappointed with this approach, both in terms of the apparent lack of respect for the opinions of the Panel, and also in view of the thousands of hours voluntarily given by the community to providing professional, meaningful input to the Panel, yet seemingly to be ignored.

It is the opinion of the CEWF that Parks Canada, by participating in the process of expediting the TRPC proposal while having full knowledge of the Panel's mandate from the Minister of Environment Canada, has failed to exercise due diligence and the result may violate the spirit of the precautionary principle.

The CEWF respectfully request and encourage the Panel to make its own views on this issue known to Parks Canada and the Honourable Minister at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours truly,

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