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Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway
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RE: Future of the Trent- Severn Waterway: Concerns Over the Traumatic Drop in Water Levels on Kennisis Lake

Dear Panel Representatives:

Unfortunately we have not been able to attend any of the public meetings on this important discussion and as a result we are forwarding our comments in writing for your consideration with the acknowledgement of the tremendous challenge you face in trying to resolve this issue amidst competing demands and priorities. We are residents on Kennisis Lake. Our year around cottage, soon to be our retirement home is located on the west side of the lake and we have been there for almost 6 years now.

Our property is located in the bay and each summer we experience an extremely traumatic decline in the water levels. This year this situation has been the worst we have ever see it to the point that it is unsafe for us to bring our boat to the dock, simply because the water levels are so low that we worry about the logs that are protruding from the bottom hitting the motor, which in high water are many meters under the water. We have been watching the water drop year after year and have wondered how the decisions to drop the water are made and why our lake is the one to be so significantly impacted in an effort to support water levels elsewhere. Secondly, it appears to us that the levels that the water is dropped by do not consider and are not affected by the levels of precipitation or the lack of, which seems most unjust. In our experience we have not seen the water ever raised back in the summer despite or following a heavy rainfall.

This past summer we have had multiple discussions with our neighbors and other cottage owners who are all wondering what will be the final outcome if things continue in this pattern and the water levels on our lake continue to be dropped to provide support for other waterways.

We are all asking for your support and consideration in allowing us keep our water as well as a more equitable process to manage the damn and our water

levels on Kennesis Lake to the point that we can safely enjoy boating and the use of our water front on the lake right up until the late summer and early fall. .

Respectfully submitted,

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