

Donna Baylis

Subject: FW: We don't need Bill 66

From: Khanjinco, Andrea <andrea.khanjinco@pc.ola.org>
Sent: January 15, 2019 10:03 AM
To: 'Donna Baylis'
Subject: RE: We don't need Bill 66

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I appreciate receiving your views.

For months, I have heard loud and clear the concerns expressed from the residents of Barrie-Innisfil in regards to the health and safety of Lake Simcoe, and I assure you both myself, and our government are committed to ensuring the protection of this resource, which is vital to our region's local economy.

I have also heard from municipalities and job creators who feel overburdened by excessive regulation. It often takes years for businesses to navigate the over complicated approvals process. That is why our government has brought forward a package of legislative changes that target duplicative, outdated regulations.

Under the previous Liberal government, there was no balance between the environment and the economy. For years, the Liberals failed to clarify the law. This allowed the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to unilaterally override any acts in order to permit development. In contrast, our government's legislation gives a greater voice to municipalities, putting the onus on them to make the request of the province.

If municipalities want a project in their community that will create jobs, we will make sure they remain competitive by ensuring a timely process, guaranteeing a one year decision timeline that will afford them the ability to plan. This is about listening to municipalities and making sure they get the jobs they need in their communities. I have the utmost confidence that the leadership in Barrie, Innisfil and municipalities across the province will give proper consideration to any such applications.

I would like to clarify that the planning tool introduced under Bill 66, refers only to a provision in the Great Lakes Protection Act that deals with the legal effect of geographically focused initiatives. There are currently no geographically focused initiatives in the Great Lakes basin and therefore this tool has no effect.

Our Government remains committed to the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, the Canada-Ontario Lake Erie Action plan, and continued implementation of the Lake

Simcoe Protection Plan. Through targeted actions, these plans will protect and restore important natural areas and features of the lake. In fact, just a few weeks ago I stood with our Environment Minister to announce our Made-In-Ontario Plan that is committed to the protection of Lake Simcoe and will restore the natural areas and features of the lake.

We believe strong enforcement action is needed to protect our lakes, waterways and groundwater from pollution. We will continue to keep coastlines and beaches clean, protect native species, reduce harmful algae and ensure strong enforcement action to protect our lakes, waterways and groundwater from pollution. These waterways are critical to Ontario's economic prosperity and wellbeing, and we remain committed to ensuring their protection.

Thank you.

Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil

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From: Donna Baylis

Sent: January 12, 2019 10:39 AM

To: Khanjinco, Andrea <andrea.khanjinco@pc.ola.org>

Subject: We don't need Bill 66

Dear Ms. Khanjiin,

Ontario does not need Bill 66, which will sweep away important protections for Lake Simcoe, the Greenbelt, drinking source water and natural areas. We have more than enough employment land available in properly designated areas. There is no need to provide developers with access to sensitive areas and to compromise the health of our environment and Lake Simcoe. The "Open for Business" development bylaw provisions in Bill 66 should be immediately dropped. Protections for our lake, our drinking water, our forests and wetlands are not red tape.

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