



Coalition for
Equitable
Water Flow

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The Hon. Donna Cansfield
Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Room 6630, Whitney Block
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Dear Minister Cansfield:

It was a pleasure meeting you in Buckhorn earlier this spring.

During our discussion I expressed the disappointment experienced by our membership that the province of Ontario did not participate in the process of evaluating the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway, especially when its existence affects hundreds of thousands of Ontario residents.

You advised me then that your Ministry was undertaking an in depth review of the report, 'It's All About the Water' produced by the federally appointed expert Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

The Coalition strongly supports two recommendations made by the Panel; the creation of an independent water management agency and adequate long term funding.

The region north of the TSW channels has been waiting for nearly five decades for resolution to the governance and jurisdictional problems facing the successful operation of the TSW and the sustainability of our communities, our ecology and our environment.

When can we expect to learn of your response to the Panel's recommendations?

Sincerely,

Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair
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