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Dr. Colin Woolf,
Respiratory Division,
Toronto General Hospital,
101 College Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Woolf:

Further to our recent conversation, I am enclosing a copy of our brief to the Ontario Government on environmental assessment (with a summary of our recommendations at the beginning); a copy of the tentative Conservation Council brief; and a letter sent recently to the Conservation Council's Executive Director by our office, outlining a number of immediate differences between our briefs and theirs.

As I mentioned on the phone, my understanding of the Conservation Council mechanism is that it is a creature made up of 29 member organizations, including the Ontario Medical Association, and the Ontario TB and Respiratory Diseases Association. Presumably its brief has, in some measure, the tacit support of its member organizations.

Therefore, I think the member organizations should be made aware of alternate points of view on the issue of environmental impact assessment, before they lend their support to the Council's tentatively expressed position.

We would ask that you communicate to the O.M.A. President and executive, your support for our brief (to the extent that you find you can support it) and encourage them to do likewise in letters both to the Conservation Council and to Minister Auld (addresses below), with copies of your letters to be sent to us.

You might also make similar representations to Drs. Day and Thompkins (addresses on letter which is also enclosed) who are presently O.M.A. representatives to the Council, and Dr. Thomlinson, representative to the Council for the TB and RD Association.

Dr. Thomlinson's address is:

Ontario Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease
Association,
157 Willowdale,
Willowdale, Ontario.

If possible, a letter to the Minister in support of our position would be greatly appreciated. His address:

Hon. J.A.C. Auld,
Minister of the Environment,
135 St. Clair Avenue West,
Toronto, Ontario.

I hope the enclosed letters will flesh out the background of our concerns in this area for you. If you have any questions or if I have been unusually obfuscating, please ~~do~~ not hesitate to contact me for clarification and/or elucidation.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Ontario government's non-position paper on this matter which started this whole process.

The deadline for briefs and submissions to the Ministry has been moved up to January 1st, and although they will probably be accepted after that date, it is probably safe to assume that any attempt to influence the Ministry, or to influence the Conservation Council's attempt to influence the Ministry, should be made as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

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