

28 November 1973

Mr. Rae Cunningham and
Mr. Gordon Hill,
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
387 Bloor Street East,
Toronto.

Dear Sirs:

Further to my recent conversation with Mr. Cunningham, I am enclosing a copy of the Ontario government's "Green Paper on Environmental Assessment", and two copies of our organization's brief in response to it.

The summary at the beginning of the brief outlines the main points which we feel are crucial if meaningful public involvement in the environmental impact review process is to become a reality.

We would ask that, if you agree with these principles, you indicate your support for them in your own submission to the Minister at the following address:

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

Please mail a copy to our office, as this will be the only compilation available of the submissions sent to the Minister. We are asking the Ministry to prepare a summary and list of submissions from all sources.

As emphasized in the brief, an adequate and effective review process, involving the public, is the best means to ensure that the quality of the environment will be maintained. Since Ontario's lead will likely be followed in other provinces and at the federal level, it is essential that the processes which it adopts are worthy of emulation.

Mr. Hill's Oshawa speech was (if one may trust the Star's reporting of it) very fine indeed: saying things bluntly that needed to be said. It suggests that the O.F.A.'s approach to environmental matters and our own, though naturally differing in emphasis, are not far apart.

If you have any questions on the brief, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours sincerely,



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