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1 March 1974

J. B. Patterson, Chairman,
P.C.A.O Conference Committee,
P.O. Box 685, Station "B",
Willowdale, Ontario
M2K 2P9

Re: Abstract for PCAO Conference Brochure for
Environmental Impact Assessment - May 1974

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Here is an abstract of my educational and professional
background:

Attended Dartmouth College and Harvard
University before graduating with
honours from the State University
of New York at Buffalo
Attended Osgoode Hall Law School
is presently a researcher for CELA and
CELRS (Canadian Environmental Law
Research Foundation) and contributor
to the Canadian Environmental Law News

I am sorry I forgot to include this in my previous letter.

Yours very truly,

J.F. Castrilli
CELA
Environmental Impact Study Group

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18 December, 1973

Mr. J.B. Patterson, Chairman
P.C.A.O. Conference Committee
P.O. Box 685, Station "B"
Willowdale, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Patterson,

Thank you for your request of November 23rd, re a speaker from our organization for your 1974 Conference on "Environmental Impact Assessment." We shall be very pleased to comply.

I presume that, as per last year, provisions for travel expenses (if the conference is not in Toronto) and an honorarium for appearing, will again be applicable. Please advise if there is a change in the status of these conditions.

You shall be hearing from us incrementally.

Yours very truly,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

J.F. Castrilli
Environmental Impact Study Group

26 February, 1974

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P.C.A.O. Conference Committee
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Re: Abstract for PCAO Conference Brochure for
Environmental Impact Assessment-May 1974

Dear Mr. Patterson,

As per your request of November 23, 1973 regarding the title of our paper and a short abstract for the brochure I am enclosing our responses as follows:

Title- Environmental Impact Assessment: The Law as it is and as it Should Be.

Abstf by
J.F.Castrilli, Researcher

Abstract-

Abstract- Federal and provincial procedures regarding environmental impact assessments for proposed developments and projects cannot continue to be guided solely by administrative discretion and direction.

Unless procedures are openly evaluated and then codified as strict requirements in law, enforceable by any member of the public, such mechanisms are unlikely to reverse accelerating environmental degradation.

If environmentally sound planning is to become a right with meaningful remedies, legislative initiatives must assure; early social and environmental impact studies of projects, programs, planning assumptions, continuing activities, ~~and the alternatives~~ alternatives before approvals; establishment of an independent environmental review board; procedural rights to notice and consideration of objections;

public access to all information about proposed projects; funding to objectors to help defray onerous costs and assure that all options are fully canvassed; a firm timetable for implementing legislation in the public and private sectors; and rigorous judicial review.

Environmental scientists and engineers, as well as the general public, require such measures if the integrity of their assessments is to be assured.

I hope this is sufficient for your purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or require more information.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

J.F. Castrilli