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A statement by David Warner, MPP (Scarborough-Ellesmere) regarding the Safety of Abandoned Pits & Quarries.

I am bitterly disappointed that the Minister of Natural Resources has ignored the safety problems posed by abandoned pits and quarries.

His new Bill (#127), likely to be debated this fall, does not mention the safety of abandoned pits or quarries. The Bill does allow the Minister to rehabilitate an abandoned pit or quarry but only if the owner of the land agrees! The Minister must be asking for the same problem the City of Ottawa has been grappling with for over a year. A drowning and a legal suit by the City has not convinced the developer to enact appropriate safety measures.

The answer to the problem is clear. My Private Member's Bill, previously #185, now #5, needs to be adopted. Such is the opinion of at least 137 cities, towns, municipalities, etc., across Ontario. (See overleaf for support list.)

The Coroner's Jury verdict of September 26, 1978 on the drowning of Todd Rosler made the recommendation that owners be responsible for filling-in programs. The Foundation for Aggregate Studies says that the provincial government "should force the industry to clean up its hazards".

There are literally hundreds of abandoned pits and quarries throughout the province. Many of them are dangerous.

I intend to amend the government bill so as to implement the safety provisions of my own Private Member's Bill.

I am most grateful for the widespread support which I have received so far and urge all Members of the Assembly to support my "safety amendment" this fall.

C O M M U N I T Y S U P P O R T
FOR DAVID WARNER'S PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL
P I T S a n d Q U A R R I E S C O N T R O L A C T

CITIES:

Guelph	Kingston	Kitchener	Oshawa
Thunder Bay	St. Catharines	Orillia	Thorold
Mississauga	Windsor	Burlington	Stratford
Barrie	Nepean	Brantford	Metro Toronto
Scarborough	Toronto	East York	North York
Ottawa -	(Commissioner of Community Development, because City policy is to act only through A.M.O.)		

TOWNS:

Renfrew	St. Mary's	Tilbury	Oakville
Perth	Ajax	Wallaceburg	Durham
Onaping Falls	Pelham	Napanee	Grimsby
Fort Erie	Fort Frances	Valley East	Petrolia
Kingsville	Tecumseh	Bradford	Markham
Prescott	Royside-Balfour	Exeter	Elliot Lake
Goderich	Thessalon	Gananoque	Whitchurch-Stouffville
Milton	Paris	Aurora	Kirkland Lake
Ancaster	Blind River	Powassan	Geraldton
Dresden	Newmarket	Parry Sound	Richmond Hill
Whitby	Blenheim	Vanleek Hill	Newcastle
Deseronto	Little Current	Ingersoll	Amherstburg

TOWNSHIPS:

Anderdon	Romney	Schreiber	Norwich
Plympton	Ops	Sebastopol	Faraday
Chatham	Coleman	Thurlow	Gosfield North
Red Lake	Pittsburg	Barclay	Maidstone
North Dumfries	Manitouwadge	Harwich	Eilber & Devitt
Colchester North	St. Joseph	Ennismore	Georgina
King	Georgian Bay	Tiny	Smith
West Carlton	Michipicoten	Wellesley	Johnson
Adjala	Cardiff	Baldwin	Verulam
Hinchinbrooke	Admaston	Raglan	Stanhope
Papineau	South Dumfries	Brock	Flamborough
Hay	Malden	Lavant, Dalhousie &	North Sherbrooke
Anson, Hindon & Minden		Owens, Williamson &	Idington

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES:

Durham	Niagara	Waterloo	Peel
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COUNTIES:

Huron	Kent	Perth
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MUNICIPALITIES:

Port Stanley	Machin	Nottawasaga	Galway & Cavendish
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VILLAGES:

Zurich	Lakefield	Elora	Chesterville
Paisley			

AND..... Corporation of Ridgetown
District of Sioux Narrows
Improvement District of Opasatika