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To the Environmental Registry pertaining to ERO

I am making this post to raise concerns with the process regarding ERO 019-1230 that is intended to ensure public participation in the consultation process as required by the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights. My family and I are long time lakefront property owners on Wollaston lake, a cold deep Lake Trout lake deemed "at capacity" by the Ministry of the Environment.

The problem is that people are unable to access documentation and other information within deadlines – or at all – that would allow them to be informed. Following the application posting on the environmental registry of Ontario on January 31, 2020, there was a delay of approximately three weeks before documents were available for viewing, and then, only in the Belleville office. Further, despite a request to the proponents and an FOI request to the MECP, I am currently unable to access the documentation supporting the application. I am also therefore unable to provide the requested information to a third-party professional engineer for review.

I am particularly concerned in this case based on the proponent's previous non-compliance to the planning process: The Red Eagle campground has increased the number of sites on the shores of Wollaston Lake without the necessary environmental assessments having been completed. Therefore, it is essential that before this ECA review process proceeds, stakeholders of Wollaston Lake are assured that the property in question is capable of supporting the 226 trailers identified in the application to prevent this site from unduly contributing to the further eutrophication of Wollaston Lake.

These concerns are further amplified by the acknowledgement during the LPAT hearing for a second trailer park, Bear ridge of non-compliance to planning process by the owners' legal counsel and the Township of Wollaston's legal counsel.

Please consider this posting as a formal request to review the breakdown in due process that is preventing adequate public participation in the consultation process as required by the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights. I request that an extension be granted until such time as the FOI request is processed and the 3rd party engineer is able to complete their review.