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Linda Heron, Chair
Ontario Rivers Alliance
379 Ronka Road
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Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your February 1, 2017 correspondence to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (Minister) in which you request that the Town of Erin (Proponent) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act) for the proposed Hillsburgh Dam and Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Project). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Minister.

It is the understanding of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (ministry) that the Project is being planned as a Schedule B project under the *Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (Class EA). The Class EA is an approved planning process that proponents must follow for projects of this type in order to obtain authorization to proceed with the project under the Act. Despite this process, the Class EA includes a provision whereby any member of the public who has unresolved concerns with a proposed project can request that the Minister require the proponent of the project to prepare an individual EA. The Minister's requirement to prepare an individual EA is referred to by the Class EA as a Part II Order.

Staff at this ministry will review the issues and concerns you have cited as reasons for which an individual EA should be prepared. Your request will be forwarded to the Proponent. The Proponent will be directed to review your request and to provide any project documentation and other information necessary to assist the ministry in its review of your request. This information will be considered by the Minister when making a decision about the request. Where required, ministry technical staff and staff at other agencies may also review the matter.

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On the basis of this review and other matters required to be considered by the Minister under the Act, the Minister will make a final decision whether or not to require that an individual EA be prepared by the Proponent. You will be notified in writing of the Minister's decision once it has been made.

I would like to note that, as with all Part II Order requests, Environmental Approvals Branch maintains a public file that is available for viewing by any member of the public upon request. Personal and other information in your letter such as name, address, and telephone number and your concerns with this Project will form a part of the public record on this matter required to be maintained pursuant to section 30 of the Act. If you wish this information to be excluded from the public file, this Branch must be advised. Notwithstanding the above, this information may still be obtained by members of the public if the ministry is required to disclose it under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with this Project.

If you have any questions about the ministry's review of your request, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Evaluator for this Project, directly at 416-314-8358 or at Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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