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To: the Honourable John Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Dear Mr Wilkinson,

I write to you as a concerned member of the Midtown Ravine Group in Toronto and a Member of the Deer Park Residents Group. Both Groups have been involved for many years in remediating the Ravines and restoring ecological integrity and biodiversity. These ravines were used industrially for over a hundred years and now we have spent the last 50 years trying to undo the damage wrought.

I am in full agreement that Public transit is sorely needed but it has to be developed in a way that doesn't trump the environment.

I write to request a regional assessment under the Impact Assessment Act for the area of the Don Valley to specifically measure the cumulative effects of six simultaneous infrastructure projects occurring within 5 km of each other in the Don Valley, a unique and fragile urban ecosystem.

The six are:

The Don Mouth and Portlands revitalization:

Lakeshore East Bridge widening from 3 tracks to six tracks over the Lower Don:

Don Valley Service Facility:

Don River and Central Waterfront Wet Weather Flow Project : (construction from Coxwell Ravine Park down river to Ashbridges Bay);

Ontario Line Bridge over the Lower Don (south of Millwood Bridge);

Ontario Line Bridge over the West Don (from WALmsley Brook to Don Mills road).

Metrolinx is funded by the Provincial, Municipal and Federal governments. Since the Environment Assessments by Metrolinx have not been made public and the TRCA's concerns have been ignored. I believe that this is an egregious over reach on the part of Metrolinx which has to be further investigated.

The Pandemic has underscored the need for parks and public spaces for a healthy city and its population. Downtown Toronto is growing at a rapid rate and parks and ravines really need our protection. The position of the Layover Facility in the lower Don Valley flies in the face of these efforts.

Yours Sincerely

Joan York

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