

Dear Mr. Dea:

I am writing to express my strongest objections to the garbage dump proposals being proposed by Taggart Miller Environmental Services for the North Russell Quarry and the Frontier/Devine Road sites. These locales are located in close proximity to Russell and Carlsbad Springs respectively and are described in a Terms of Reference proposal recently submitted to your Ministry under MOE #10261.

The severe adverse environmental, social and economic impacts and negative effects of these proposals are such that I urge you to reject these two proposed projects outright. Taxpayer funds should not be wasted in these tight economic times on such unnecessary environmental assessments as that being requested by Taggart Miller. If you choose not to reject the environmental assessment request, I urge you to refer the matter to the Environmental Review Tribunal.

Eastern Ontario already has the highest percentage of garbage dumps in the entire province and our community does not wish to, nor should it have to become, home to yet another. This is an unspoiled location in a proud community, Mr. Dea, and one close to local schools and the population, particularly in the village of Russell. The possible pollutant level of risk to local groundwater, air-borne contaminants and the local flora and fauna is simply too high to be acceptable. It most definitely will not offset any minimal economic benefits that are simply not wanted by the majority of local residents. Land values have already been negatively impacted as well.

I urge you to take into full account the wishes of the community, Mr. Dea. We object in the strongest terms to this proposed project - the level of risk involved is simply not acceptable and simply cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely

Marsha Lalande