Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

I am a private citizen in Caledon, Ontario and have observed aggregate industry activities with considerable interest over the past 30 years. It has become increasingly evident that the balance between the interests of aggregate and the interests of our communities has become seriously distorted. Presently, land use planning regulations in Ontario overwhelmingly favour aggregate over the interests of regular citizens, with serious land-use conflicts as a predictable result.

I strongly urge a revision of the above Compatibility Guidelines. They absolutely should apply to new or expanding aggregate operations that are near existing and planned sensitive land uses, as well as new or expanding sensitive land uses.

I would also emphatically state that the minimum AOIs and the minimum MSD should apply where there are new or expanding aggregate operations near existing or planned sensitive land uses, as well as new or expanding sensitive land uses.

One can only wonder how the aggregate industry have been exempted from these fundamental planning requirements? The rationale for this policy proposal defies the imagination.

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this policy review process. Thank you for your anticipated consideration.