

Dear Madam Commissioner,

I am a citizen of Simcoe County. I write to you today to express my concern regarding selection of a county forest for the building and operation of a 14 acre waste transfer station.

The County did not follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, which is typically required by the Ministry of the Environment for a project of this size.

The County is the property owner, proponent, reviewer and rule maker (through zoning and Official Plan). As such, it doesn't seem like the project has been scrutinized or undergone the proper review process.

The EIS doesn't fully address potential Species at Risk and Significant Wildlife Habitat finding and does not offer robust mitigation measures.

I believe that the studies completed and mitigation measures recommended are inadequate and that the correct process under the Environmental Assessment Act and the Simcoe County Official Plan were not followed.

I appreciate your attention and any light you could bring to this process in Simcoe County.

Kind regards,