

Petition to the Minister of Environment and the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:

The Quill Lakes Watershed Association (The proponent) is proposing the *Common Ground Drainage Diversion Project* which would redirect saline water from Kutawagan Lake and Pel Lake into Last Mountain Lake and thereby the rest of the Qu'Appelle River chain of lakes.

The Minister of Saskatchewan Environment has reviewed the documents put forth by the proponent and determined that the project is not a "development" under *The Environmental Assessment Act*.

The potential impacts to water quality are not fully known to the public and a thorough analysis of the short and long term accumulative environmental impacts has not been completed.

There is widespread concern regarding the proponent's proposal due to a lack of transparency of the project, public communication, and lack of consultation with Saskatchewan's citizens and Indigenous Peoples.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Minister of Environment and the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan:

1. Publicly release all documents used to make his determination under the *Environmental Assessment Act* including but not limited to:
 1. Quill Lakes Flood Mitigation Assessment – January 2015;
 2. Kutawagan Diversion Project Environmental Assessment – September 2015
 3. Common Ground Drainage Diversion Design Report May 2017 – submitted on June 29, 2017;
 4. Common Ground Drainage Operational Plan submitted on June 29, 2017;
 5. A document entitled *Wildlife Considerations for the Quill Lake Flood Mitigation* submitted on July 12, 2017;
 6. Project discussions held between Quill Lake Watershed Association and the Government of Saskatchewan Working Group at meetings held in the Rural Municipality of Mount Hope Council Chambers (April – July 2017);
 7. A record of engagement activities and letters of support for the project provided by Quill Lakes Watershed Association; and
 8. Water quality monitoring data collected in 2017.
2. Due to public concern and outcry into the potential impacts of the proposed project, that the Government of Saskatchewan determine that the *Common Ground Drainage Diversion Project* be deemed a development" under *The Environmental Assessment Act* and therefore conduct an impartial full environmental impact assessment of the project including public and Indigenous consultations.
3. Refuse to issue any permits or licenses, nor fund any activities under the *Common Ground Drainage Diversion Project* proposal until a comprehensive, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment and public and Indigenous consultations are completed.

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