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Provincial Policy Statement Review Project
Ms. Audrey Bennett, Director
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Dear Ms. Bennett:

Further to your recent consultation process and efforts to involve key stakeholders in the review of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), attached are responses to the Stakeholder Questionnaire and the One Window Questionnaire endorsed by resolution #40/01 at the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on September 24, 2001.

Conservation Ontario acknowledges the PPS policies as a valuable tool in the comprehensive programming delivered by Ontario's 38 Conservation Authorities. The attached recommendations represent a consolidation of comments from the 38 Conservation Authorities and are offered in proactive response to your review of the PPS.

The various roles that Conservation Authorities play in the land use planning system are outlined in the attached *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Procedures to Address Conservation Authority Delegated Responsibility* under "Further CA Roles in Plan Input, Plan Review and Appeals". The breadth of Conservation Authority involvement in the land use planning system provides the expertise and context for the attached comments. For your information, as per the MOU, the One Window Questionnaire has been previously (August 2001) submitted to MNR and is being submitted through this consultation so that you are directly aware of our concerns with the hazards component of the PPS.

Your efforts to review and ultimately to improve the PPS are appreciated. As a result of our consultation, Conservation Ontario concludes that revisions are needed to the PPS. Although we have not included all of the detailed comments received from the Conservation Authorities, we have identified a number of issues, some broad and some specific, that are illustrative examples which justify the need for revisions. We encourage you to undertake revisions using a consultative process and we would be pleased to actively participate in these consultations. Please feel free to contact Bonnie Fox at the address and telephone number provided above or Jeff Brick (Chair, Conservation Ontario Planning Committee) at (519) 451-2800 ext 228, at any time to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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