

LAND USE COUNCIL

“advocating social, economic and environmental balance in government legislation affecting land”

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AN OPEN LETTER TO PREMIER DALTON MCGUINTY

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Over the past 40 years successive Ontario governments have ratified many statutes that transfer economic control of private property to the state. These conversions erode entrepreneurial confidence in agriculture, commerce and manufacturing and, thus, are a root factor in the decline of Ontario's economy.

Founded earlier this year, the Land Use Council is a non-partisan consortium with a mandate to seek wider publication of both positive and negative consequences of government land use policies. To that end, we have prepared twelve written queries with respect to legislation affecting real property. In coming months, three of these will be filed at regular intervals with your office in the expectation they will be routed to the appropriate Ministry for detailed response. Their separate acknowledgement as and when received at your office and the Ministry involved will be appreciated and will be so confirmed in ensuing reports.

The following three questions point to some issues that need definition and discussion:

- 1. Are provincial government land use designations legal if not registered on property title?**
- 2. Will the Ontario government seriously consider enactment of statutory land ownership rights?**
- 3. Which Ontario land use legislation specifically excludes an appeal process for private landowners?**

These and similar queries will shape upcoming Land Use Council dialogue with various provincial agencies. We trust your office will acknowledge receipt of this introductory message and facilitate communication between agency staff and our consortium. To enhance public awareness of land use issues, this message may be forwarded to members of the Ontario legislature and selected media contacts.

Yours truly

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