

Members of the NRCan review,

I am a resident of South Bruce, one of two communities still being considered as a potential location for a high level nuclear waste DGR. The NWMO is not independent, instead they are a sales team for the industry. The nuclear industry, the NWMO and the CNSC are so interconnected it is impossible to see where one ends and the other begins. They are all working together to push the DGR concept so they can get permission to increase Canada's reliance on nuclear power and create more nuclear waste.

How is it open and transparent when residents were only allowed to talk about the sale of their properties after the NWMO announced they had acquired 1,300 acres in a public press release?

How is it open and transparent when every press release includes reference to an informed and willing community while there is no definition for willing? How is a community supposed to be informed when the plan is adaptive and keeps changing to suit their purposes? In October 2020, an independent telephone poll was conducted in our community. When asked how they would vote if a referendum was held, 64% of the respondents said they would vote No DGR. In September the municipality had a survey about a document they call the guiding principles, a list for them to go through as they learn more about the project. 82% of the people who took part said the principles weren't adequate and 75% called for a referendum. Yet, the NWMO is funding a study to look into multiple ways to determine willingness. They do not respect or listen to the community, but are solely focused on getting the results they want.

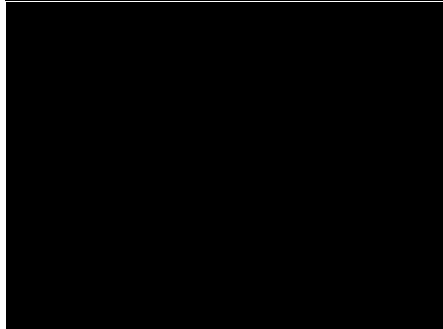
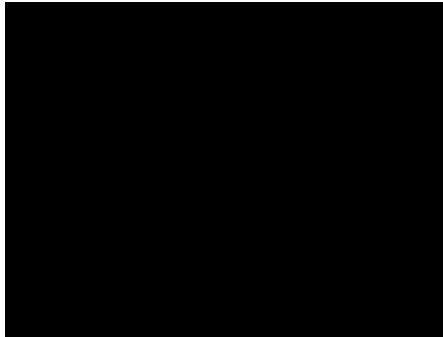
The NWMO is holding our community hostage as part of their "learn more" process and the damage may be irreparable. The NWMO has left a trail of communities behind where the divisions have still not healed. When the NWMO labels anybody against the project as "unwilling to listen" and tries to state that any information not provided by the NWMO is misinformation, it creates an environment that encourages DGR promoters to bully people into silence.

How has the NWMO even been allowed to get to this point in the site selection process? When asked what happens if the project affects the quality or quantity of my ground water their answer is..."we are not at the point of answering that yet." When asked about the 130,000 gallons of ground water pumped out of the mine daily into mine dewatering settling ponds and what happens after the pumps stop at decommissioning..."that will be part of the impact assessment study after site selection." When asked about their monitoring plan... it appears that they are doing some studies to get a baseline. At this time they don't have an actual plan but they plan to monitor. And..a future society can decide on the long term monitoring using technology available at that time. The DGR is an old concept that they have still not figured out so it is time to put it away and start investing in new technology. Until a real solution is discovered rolling stewardship is the answer.

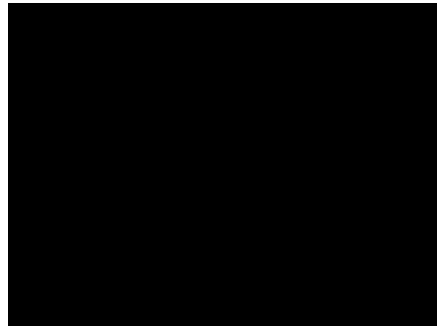
The NWMO only has one job, to find a community to bury Canada's nuclear waste in. Then they plan to build it, fill it, cover it, abandon it and we are left with the consequences. It appears that they don't care how many lives are destroyed in the process. Every day as our family sits at the kitchen table and looks out the window across the fields to the NWMO property beside us we are left wondering, what's next? The properties we have invested everything into over the past 25 years, what's next? Several of the processors we sell product to have already told us they will not purchase products produced next to a nuclear dump, so what's next? How did we become the sacrificial radioactive experiment zone?

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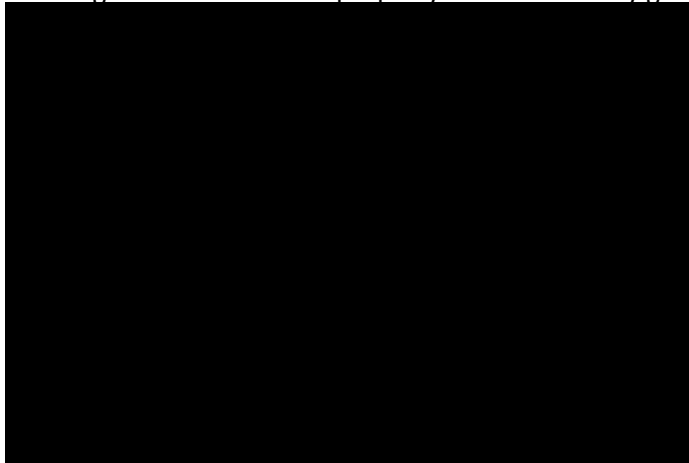
## Nobody Asked Us



We are the [REDACTED] and as farmers our property is not just a piece of land. It is our home, our livelihood and our life story. In 1995 it was just one barn and some pasture fields. We set up a house trailer and raised three great children in that home. As a family we did school on this property, we played and explored together on this property and we learned the value of hard work. Each and every day we work long hours to provide safe, healthy and affordable food for Canadians. Each and every nail, screw and brick laid for every building on our farm was done by our family and friends, who often came to work in exchange for hamburgers and homemade pie. Our family has made many sacrifices over the years to build what we have today. Our farm. The farm where as an engaged couple we carved our names in the big beech tree in the pasture field. The farm where our



children grew up. The farm where our oldest daughter was married under the beautiful elm tree. The farm where our children love to bring their friends to visit and share this wonderful place we call home. The farm where my daughter and her husband were supposed to start building their home on the property next door so my grandson could have the privilege of growing up on



the farm. But now they aren't because it doesn't make sense to expand a farm beside a nuclear dump. This is our life and the heritage we wanted to share with future generations. But now I am being told I must do my part and give up our life? There are over 14.5 million people in Ontario how did it become our "civic duty" to give up our life for this radioactive experiment?

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