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**Subject:** Grids2 & MCR

To Whom It Concerns,

This is a final plea from a resident of Hamilton to ask that the current worsening Climate Crisis be considered FIRST in any decisions made concerning our present and future development in the Hamilton area.

Although I learned about this impending devastation in the late 1980's while attending the University of Waterloo, in general the seriousness of the threats from global warming are largely ignored. We haven't been doing enough to reverse the trend in global GHG emissions for over 30 years since then. Just the idea of developing all of the remaining green space around Hamilton shows extremely poor judgement by our current provincial leaders.

I am worried about my future, the future of my family, and the future of the world. As a scientist, I continue to collect good quality data so that we can monitor and prepare for the negative impacts that the Climate Crisis continues bringing to our population. I hope for changes soon, changes which we have waited far too long to make in our society. I hope the situation we have put ourselves in can be mediated to some extent by new innovative research ideas. In order to do that we need to find new green solutions and stop following traditional patterns, like robots who cannot see the writing on the wall.

Please act responsibly and understand that the citizens of Hamilton do not want their natural green spaces paved over, nor do we want to end up with a lack of good farmland which is necessary to meet our most basic life needs. We don't need more highways and stores, we need clean air, water and soil to survive. And I see that there is no slowing of habitat destruction in Hamilton today - quite the reverse. I fear we are doomed due to those in charge not understanding the gravity of our situation.

The climate crisis will soon overtake any effort we have made to date. Be warned of what our climate holds in the near future. Pay attention to the number of extinctions in today's world and the loss of species in the Hamilton area that will come with continued disregard of the seriousness of the climate crisis. Our current provincial government is steering us in the wrong direction and I will support farther thinking Hamilton leaders in resisting strongly.

Sincerely,  
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