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Mayor Eisenberger & Members of the General Issues Committee:

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GRIDS 2 & Municipal Comprehensive Review –Consultation Update & Evaluation Framework & Phasing Principles

I am an ordinary citizen of the City of Hamilton (Ancaster) who wishes to add my thoughts to this meeting.

Over the years I have watched our climate change in ways that are detrimental to our health. "Air Quality" warnings have become a regular occurrence, unswimmable beaches due to water contamination. In addition, we now import more food than ever before. Thereby incurring rising prices and use of non-renewable resources to accommodate the production and transport these imports.

We live in what is one of the richest agricultural areas in Canada. More and more of this oasis is being changed in ways that will forever keep it from producing the food that in years past nourished us at a cost that was affordable and sustainable.

There is a song that I heard long ago which stated: "they paved over paradise and put up a parking lot". That is, I fear, what is happening to our precious Niagara Region, which as you well know includes our City of Hamilton.

Our large extended family have lived in the Hamilton area for many generations and I can tell you first hand that the water quality has notably deteriorated. The foul chemical taste will only increase as natural watersheds are tampered with; more roads are added (and are over salted in winter), and more chemicals are added to the water to meet the minimum quality standards for "safe" drinking water.

We do not need to increase our carbon footprint, raising the greenhouse gasses that lead to even more climate change. We need to build up rather than over our prized farmland.

In closing, more roads, increasing poor air quality, squandering our ever-decreasing ability to feed ourselves, through diminishing land use, and water use that brings not only flooding but contaminants to the water available, is going to decrease the quality of our lives exponentially. We need to stop this by voting option 2, not to expand the present footprint of our City.

Sincerely,

Carole-Ann Durran (Mrs.)