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**No acknowledgement or response
received from Liberal Minister Duguid**

Hon. Brad Duguid
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by e mail and original my mail

Re: Bill 27 Burden Reduction Act.

Dir Sir:

I understand your office is proceeding with developing Bill 27 intended to reduce the regulatory burden of low risk business activities. I certainly commend your Ministry in trying to find ways to streamline permitting systems. My experience related to development, is that there is a definite need to eliminate jurisdictional overlap which frustrates the efficient permitting administration for certain simple property improvements.

As a resident of North Kawartha, for many years have been actively involved in trying to sort out the regulators grid lock being experienced by cottagers and local contractors related to construction of simple docks associated with waterfront properties. Currently as I understand the situation for most lakes in our area, to legally build a simple floating dock the following steps are required:

1. Purchase the 66 ft shore road allowance (SRA) which take several months and required a survey and significant cost-alternatively enter into an encroachment agreement if the SRA is not owned

- 2. Obtain a work permit from MNRF if proposed docks exceeds about 160 sq.-- this takes several months but no fee is applicable and MNRF have no sizes regulations.**
- 3. Obtain a land use permit under Public Lands Act from MNRF if docks exceeds 160 sq. ft..this takes several months but no fee is applicable and MNRF have no sizes regulations.**
- 4. Obtain a permits from the Conservation authority on certain lakes is any shoreline work is associated with the dock installation.**
- 5. On certain lakes within Provincial Parks obtain a permit from Parks Ontario under the Parks and Conservation Act which has no actual regulations related to sizes.**
- 6. Obtain a zone amendment for the dock as the Township building department's position is that docks are not a permitted use in the in effect township zoning bylaw. Cost approximately 1800.00**
- 7. Obtain a building permits under the Ontario Building Code Act (OBCA) with a fee of \$150.00**

The result of this overregulated situation is that, to best of my knowledge, no permits are applied for by cottagers & contractors or issued by the Township. So a large number of docks continue to be installed illegally due to the enormous frustration with bureaucratic grid lock.

It appears that Bill 27 is intending to allow for reduction of permitting regulation under the Public Lands Act related to yet to be prescribed buildings and structures located on Crown lands covered by water.

Last January, I wrote the attached letter dated Jan 11 2016 to my local MPP Jeff Leal asking that he advise me as to what process is required to exempt certain floating structures such as docks up to a certain sized from requiring building permits under the OBCA. I did not get a reply from Jeff. Currently structures including roofed storage buildings less than 108 sq ft are exempted from requiring building permits, so there is a process for exemptions.

Can you advise me ASAP if

- 1. If my proposal to exempt certain sized floating docks for requiring building permits as outline in my Jan 11 2016 to Jeff Leal was received by those responsible for drafting Bill 57 and was my proposal to exempt certain docks from requiring building permits given any consideration?**
- 2. Is there any provision in the current proposed Bill 57 to exempt small floating dock from requiring building permits under OBCA?**
- 3. If such an exemption to streamline the dock permitting system is currently not in the proposed Bill, is there time to or a process the add a revision to the Bill 57 modifying the OBCA to assist cottagers, contractors and municipalities in reducing the current permitting burden being experience in legally installing dock on area lakes?**

I look forward to a timely response.



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