

Wind Concerns Ontario responds to Offshore Moratorium

Wind Concerns Ontario President John Laforet is available to comment on the Ontario Liberal Government's Announcement on offshore wind energy.

As a grassroots volunteer and member of Wind Concerns Ontario Laforet has directly fought offshore wind energy in his own community of Scarborough since August 2008.

On February 11 2009, Premier McGuinty called Scarborough Bluffs residents NIMBYs, former Energy Minister Smitherman stated residents concerns were 'absurd' and accused them of working themselves into an 'artificial lather' while announcing the Green Energy Act would remove rights of citizens to stop projects. Laforet was quoted in the Toronto Star responding to these attacks in February 2009 by saying "If it's such a great idea, why not do an environmental assessment and prove there are no health risks?" said an angry Laforet. "Why do we need to be bludgeoned by legislation if the facts are on their (the government's) side?" McGuinty Vows to Stop Wind Farm NIMBYS – February 11th 2009

Today, nearly two years to the date of the Green Energy Act's announcement and the Premier's assault on offshore wind opponents, it appears the Government of Ontario agrees the facts aren't on their side and there are real environmental concerns.

Wind Concerns Ontario welcomes this announcement but doesn't believe the government is truly concerned about the environmental impacts of industrial wind as the Green Energy Act is still in place, preventing meaningful environmental protection for on land projects and adversely affecting the health of Ontarians.

"We promised we'd get louder and wouldn't lay down when they announced the green energy act in February 2009. Two years later – promise made, promise kept and there is still more to come province wide. Until the Liberals back down from their industrial wind energy schemes, we will continue to organize to defeat this government in 2011 over this failed Green Energy policy." Laforet said.