

THE WALKERTON INQUIRY

NOTICE OF HEARING

Mr. Justice Dennis O'Connor has been appointed as the Commissioner of the Walkerton Inquiry. In Part I of the Inquiry the Commission will inquire into the circumstances which caused hundreds of people in the Walkerton area to become ill, and several of them to die, in May and June 2000, at or around the same time as *E. coli* bacteria were found to be present in the Town's water supply, and the cause of these events including the effect, if any, of government policies, procedures and practices. Part II of the Inquiry will focus on the policy issues related to ensuring the safety of Ontario's drinking water.

Applications by interested individuals and groups for standing and funding in relation to both Part I and Part II of the Inquiry will be heard commencing at 10:30 a.m. on September 5, 2000 at 220 Trillium Court, Walkerton, Ontario. **NO EVIDENCE WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME.**

The criteria for standing and for funding in both Part I and Part II of the Inquiry are set out in the Rules of Procedure and Practice which can be found on our website at www.walkertoninquiry.com. A copy can also be obtained by contacting the Inquiry at the addresses and/or telephone numbers set out below.

Applications for standing should be made in writing and provide the following information:

1. Whether standing is sought for Part I or Part II of the Inquiry or both; and
2. A statement of how the applicant satisfies the criteria for standing set out in the Rules of Procedure and Practice.

Applications for funding should be made in writing and should provide the following information:

1. A statement of how the applicant satisfies the criteria for funding set out in the Rules of Procedure and Practice. In demonstrating why an applicant would not otherwise be able to participate without such funding, the application may include financial statements and operating budgets and describe the number of members and membership fee structure. Applicants should also indicate whether they have contacted other groups or individuals in an effort to create an amalgamated group, and the results of those contacts;
2. A description of the purposes for which the funds are required, how the funds will be disbursed and how they will be accounted for;

3. A statement of the extent to which the applicant will contribute its own funds and personnel to participate in the Inquiry; and
4. The name, address, telephone number and position of the individual who will be responsible for administering the funds, and a description of the financial controls put in place to ensure that the funds are disbursed for the purposes of the Inquiry.

Written applications for standing and/or funding with all relevant materials attached should be submitted to the Inquiry by delivering a copy either to our offices in Toronto or Walkerton at the addresses set out below or by e-mail at comments@walkertoninquiry.com by no later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2000.

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