

# GASPED

GASP Education Committee  
Update & Resources

## Ford's Omnibus Bill

Newspaper Excerpt:

Sarah Buchanan of the green non-profit Environmental Defence said she doesn't see how the environmental assessment changes could be made without compromising the health of the environment. It's "rash" to rewrite such a significant policy during a pandemic when the public's attention is elsewhere, she added.

**"There's a reason these regulations were put in place," Buchanan said. "Changing the entire environmental assessment process and significantly loosening it will have a huge environmental impact."**

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www.nationalobserver.com/](https://www.nationalobserver.com/)



## En Roads Workshop

*With Chris Hitchcock*

We had 12 online for our zoom webinar on July 13th with Chris. The EnRoads interactive workshop takes about an hour. **"I think it has tremendous potential to clarify purpose and move us to hopeful action." Chris Hitchcock**

Climate is a very complex topic and it is easy to be overwhelmed. The Climate simulator organizes the complexity and demonstrates which actions have the most impact on our collective future. Contact Chris for upcoming sessions -[Chris.en.roads@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.en.roads@gmail.com)

The workshop offers an opportunity for rich discussion and networking with others interested in climate. [www.climateinteractive.org/](http://www.climateinteractive.org/) for more info on this MIT created initiative.





Excerpt of the letter Joy and Marsha have written to Federal Minister of the Environment J. Wilkinson.

In June 2019, the federal government announced that Canada will ban harmful single-use plastics as early as 2021. As well, Canada is to establish targets for companies which manufacture or sell plastics to be responsible for their products and packaging waste.

An update regarding the government environmental plan was revealed in mid-May 2020. We understand efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus in Canada will slow Canada's ability to move on some of the environmental goals. It was indicated that work will continue on a number of elements of the environmental plan but some plans have been delayed.

GASP members are concerned whether the ban on single-use plastics may be delayed. We strongly encourage that the national ban on single-use plastics remain on track for 2021.

GASP members thank you for your strong leadership during this critical time in our nation's history.



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