

## Province steps in to Carlisle quarry fight

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The Ontario government has invoked a rarely-used procedural tool to prevent a controversial quarry project from going ahead in Carlisle.

Rick Bartolucci, the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has sent the Ontario Municipal Board a letter stating the government has declared a "provincial interest" in the Flamborough quarry proposed by St. Marys Cement.

The company has gone to the OMB seeking to revoke a special order invoked by the province almost exactly a year ago that halted the quarry proposal.



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The declaration of a provincial interest means that the Ontario cabinet has the right to overturn an OMB decision if the board opted to side with St. Marys.

At a morning press conference, Ted McMeekin, MPP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale, said the message to St. Marys was "pretty clear and unequivocal."

"It's pretty clear where the government stands on this," said McMeekin.

The OMB hearing on St. Marys application is tentatively scheduled to begin in late September.

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