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We're in a brave new world, says reader

This is a response to the Toronto Star opinion piece entitled ?Queen's Park moves to silence dissent on electricity; A new law would shut down the last arena of independent public review of the billions of dollars in public spending on electricity? by Brady Yauch, Executive Director of the Consumer Policy Institute (CPI).

Our brave new world has arrived and very few people even knew it was coming!

The provincial government just passed Bill 112 with the somewhat Orwellian name of ?Strengthening Consumer Protection and Electricity System Oversight Act, 2015.?

I personally think that we have to ask ourselves how removing oversight and ramming power supply infrastructure through while exempting it from the environmental assessment process will protect consumers.

For those of us that recall the York Region power line fight, the peaker plant fight, the Oakville gas plant fiasco, the smart meter fiasco, the clean energy plan's above market costs and the ever increasing cost of power as a result we can now look forward to having infrastructure and cost increases imposed on us without adequate representation or oversight.

All of this was predictable, of course. Some would argue that the province's hand was forced due to the politicised nature of the delivering infrastructure and the lack of constructive and productive input traditionally offered by municipalities.

That was certainly the case in Aurora from 2006 to 2010.

In short, we blew our opportunity to positively influence the way in which power is planned and delivered in Ontario and now we are going to pay the high price both literally and figuratively.

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