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I have serious questions and concerns related to Bill 171 and Metrolinx's plans for the above-ground section of the Ontario Line running between Gerrard Street and Eastern Avenue.

I have serious concern that will not likely be addressed with the public if Bill 171 is passed.

My questions are?

-- Why is the bare minimum possible being done to assess the environmental impact of the Ontario Line in affected neighbourhoods and without any community consultation? I have serious concerns that if Bill 171 is passed even less environmental assessment will be done with grave consequences to the community in terms of effect on parks, community centers, schools, noise and vibration.

-- Why hasn't the community been informed of the total number of trains per hour, including Ontario Line, VIA, and GO, that are expected to run along the above ground corridor?

-- How will the health of children and community members subjected to the noise, vibration, and air pollution of so many trains?

-- What will be done to protect local businesses and preserve the economic viability of our community?

--This project requires a full cost-benefit analysis that addresses the reconstruction of six bridges, affecting accessibility to Toronto's East End for years. I fear that passing of Bill 171 will omit this necessary and critical assessment and analysis.

I am calling on the government to take responsibility and do transit right; now and for the future.

