

Mayor Elmslie and Members of Council

City of Kawartha Lakes

26 Francis Street, P.O. Box 9000,

Lindsay ON, K9V 4R5

September 16, 2025

Re: Proposed Innergex Solar Development in Carden Alvar

Dear Mayor Elmslie and Members of Council,

Renewable Energy can be a good thing, but only when it is situated where it does not destroy or degrade one of Ontario's most biodiverse natural areas.

I am not a resident of Kawartha. I know your beautiful city because I have visited as a tourist. Ten of us from the Niagara Falls Nature Club visited and ate in your lovely restaurants and stayed in a motel. We came solely because we wanted to visit the Carden Alvar. We were excited to see alvar plants such as Balsam Ragwort, Hairy Beardtongue, Tall Cinquefoil, Prairie Smoke, Harebell and Bluets. We enjoyed seeing birds we don't see in Niagara such as Loggerhead Shrike and Upland Sandpiper.

We found interesting the Rotational Grazing where cattle ranching is used to enhance the management of high quality habitat for grassland birds, most species of which are critically endangered. The diversity of plant and bird life was amazing and a joy to behold.

Allowing an out-of-town firm to degrade this area through the building of a large solar farm would be a travesty. The Innergex representative said most components in the building of the structures would be sourced from China. This does not seem to me to be a good enough investment to compensate for a possible slowdown in nature tourism.

The citizens of Kawartha are very privileged to have this wonderful biodiverse alvar in their area. You have a treasure. Please keep this alvar whole and healthy for now and for future lovers of nature.

Thank you.

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