

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Tuesday 4 December 2007

**PETITIONS**

NATIVE LAND DISPUTE

**Mr. Toby Barrett:** This petition is titled “We Request Land Dispute Hearings” and is addressed to the Parliament of Ontario:

“Whereas land dispute deliberations to date have operated under a veil of secrecy, without transparency, and have created a atmosphere of privacy and scepticism, shutting out people from information and decisions that impact them directly; and

“Whereas Ontario’s aboriginal affairs minister has indicated, in both the media and during his visit to Caledonia, his intention to garner local public input; and

“Whereas our Ontario Legislative Assembly provides a mechanism for open, accountable, transparent recorded discussion through all-party committee hearings that are open to the media;

“We, the undersigned, petition our provincially elected legislators, representing all political parties, to commence public hearings through a select or standing committee, as soon as possible.”

These petitions are signed by people from Canfield, Dunnville, Hagersville and, of course, Caledonia.