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This submission is not in any way an endorsement of the CNSC hearing process, its credibility or independence of the CNSC. On the contrary, DNA (Durham Nuclear Awareness) endorses the calls on the current federal government for major changes to the system of nuclear governance in Canada.

Until true independence of the CNSC can be established through a legislative review, with changes in CNSC senior management and by appointing a new CNSC president, and until such time as there have been changes to CNSC rules of procedure to allow for cross-examination and testing of evidence, we do not believe CNSC hearings can be relied upon to provide trustworthy assessments of nuclear risks in Canada.

Accompanying this disclaimer are several items which back up our contention that a major overhaul of the CNSC is required before trust in the agency's independence and reliability can be established:

- Letter to the Prime Minister (March 2016) calling for overhaul of the NSCA
- Whistleblower letter from CNSC staff (May 2016)
- Federal Audit report (October 2016)
- Letter establishing that CNSC has never refused a license request (February 2017)

“There has not existed the slightest shred of meaningful evidence that the entire intervention process in nuclear energy is anything more than the most callous of charades and frauds.” – [Dr. John Gofman](#), M.D., Ph.D. in *“Irrevy” – An Irreverent, Illustrated View of Nuclear Power*