

## **Water power is vital**

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I read with interest the June 14 editorial, *The Nuclear Option Serves Ontario Best*, and while I appreciate the ongoing debate and discussion focused on nuclear energy as an “option,” I was surprised and concerned with the apparent dismissal of the potential contribution of renewable energy and the total absence of any reference to our primary renewable – waterpower (hydro-electricity). A key component of what the government has announced is the objective of doubling Ontario's renewable energy capacity – to almost 16,000 mega watts – much of which will come from new waterpower.

It seems we have taken for granted the electricity engine upon which this province was built, despite its critical role in meeting daily and hourly changes in demand (nuclear is “base load”) and our reliance on it to revive our system from the 2003 blackout. Waterpower is as important to our future as it has been to our past. We need it now more than ever.

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