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And the Losers Are ...

TORONTO (March 19, 2012) – If Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan cuts infrastructure spending when he brings down the provincial Budget on March 27, what will be the impact?

Most immediately, the province will forfeit employment gains and economic growth. But over the longer term, it will be the next generation of Ontarians who will bear the brunt of these decisions.

To dramatize the point, RCCAO has posted a video on YouTube that tells the story of a young girl who travels 50 years into the future where she discovers an Ontario that has a lower standard of living because of delays in infrastructure investment. Titled *A Child's Future in Ontario?*, the video can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6S4pmwouQw>

“We recognize that the Ontario government has to reduce its deficit, but canceling planned investments in these kinds of projects is the wrong decision,” says Andy Manahan, Executive Director of the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO).

“We’ll wait and see what’s in the Budget. But if we continue to underinvest in roads, schools, hospitals and other critical systems, our children will be the poorer.”

Even the recently-released Drummond Report urged the province not to address its fiscal problems by postponing needed infrastructure projects. It said this would only delay the inevitable and would likely lead to a resumption of deficit budgets in the future.

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