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Regarding: Ipperwash Army Camp and Provincial Park

The whole experience has been nerve wracking. In my life, never have I seen such confusion.

To explain, we agree with the return of Ipperwash Army Camp to the natives. I have no problem with this, but when property surrounding the area is held in limbo, as a land owner I disagree

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The days when it was minor, the road blockage of Army Camp Road at Highway 21 was a minor inconvenience. We were still able to continue our business in what we felt was safety and would have warning if there were any problems to come. Were we ever mistaken. The night the shooting incident occurred, we were totally unaware that this had happened.

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truck to get it. He said he felt something was wrong. The police roadblock was gone and it looked like they left in a hurry. The road standards were lying on the road and no traffic was moving any where.

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We learned of the death of native, the blockages surrounding our homes and that the police were removed to an area behind our house by at least 1/2 mile. This all happened in the night but we were to learn most things from news crews and radio. No one bothered to tell us!

This was just the beginning, the school bus was not allowed in to collect my daughters and to get them to school we had to go through a roadblock of police with rifles. I did not consider this appropriate for girls under the age of eleven. Getting them to school was fine, but to be called to return them home because the school felt that we might be separated if we didn't get them back around 11:00 am was not much better we felt.

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On top of all this, were the phone calls from

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family and friends checking up on us. [REDACTED]

All the time, the roadblock remained up, 1/2 mile behind our house. The rumours started in the area. You have to leave, you can't return home, the police are hidden in the fields. When was things going to return to normal. My family packed up and left our home for four days. We returned daily to do chores and did not sleep at home. My children did not understand why we left, let alone why after 4 days we also returned home. My mother did not comprehend why we also returned home. After the police road blockage was still up, did that not signify the dangerous situation.

Throughout, all of the events, many trivial and too numerous to mention, the question remains. Were we considered not in danger to not have been notified of any problem? Was it never considered that in the normal course of our daily lives, that we needed to told of what was occurring in the immediately vicinity of our home?

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WHEN CAN WE

AGAIN FEEL THE FREEDOM TO DO EVERYTHING LIKE WE USED TO?
WHEN WILL WE FEEL THAT THE PROPERTY WE OWN IS TRULY AND
FREELY OURS AGAIN (without the worry of native land claims)? WHEN CAN WE
ALLOW TOTAL FREEDOM FOR OUR CHILDREN WITHOUT ADDED
WORRIES? WHEN DO WE STOP FEELING THREATENED BY ANY
UNEXPLAINED VEHICLE, NOISE WHICH IS NOT NORMAL TO OUR AREA?
CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO MY CHILDREN AND TRY AS WE HAVE THAT NOT
ALL NATIVES ARE BAD, THAT RACISM IS NOT APPROPRIATE? HOW DO
YOU DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS? Explain to my daughter that, yes the Army
Camp now belongs to the Natives, and yes, that there is nothing to be afraid of.

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