

The EIS attempts to determine the impact of the New Build project on health care. It identifies the largest current age cohort as those of retirement age, with the next largest as those nearing retirement. For the Grey-Bruce region as a whole, it identifies a significant deficiency of medical doctors and specialists, as compared with the Province as a whole. This community has approximately 100 such, where 150 is the average of the Province. Retired and aged people seem to require more, not less, medical intervention on average. The Bruce New Build project identifies that it will add 4,500 new workers and their families over the course of construction.

While it makes the claim that these additional stresses to our regional medical system will not cause it to be over-burdened, it fails to substantiate this claim. In particular, it fails to segregate the three regions (province, Grey-Bruce, and municipality), but rather refers indiscriminately to one or another of the three districts. It fails to identify the required number of health care persons present relative to each of these regions. Finally, it fails to identify the relative age distributions of each of these districts and to identify how the distribution of health care persons meets the needs of each population. It will only be after these profiles have been assembled and analyzed that the EIS will be able to identify the impact an additional 4,500 employees and their families will have on the availability and delivery of health care services to this community at large and the region in general. At present, this EIS fails to address these concerns although it makes the claim that it does.