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# 69 per cent in Peel poll support land development industry controls

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Almost 70 per cent of Peel South constituents polled in April believe the land development industry should be subjected to wage and price controls, a survey by MP Don Blenkarn indicates.

Blenkarn said he was surprised that 69 per cent of the 5,400 respondents replied in favor of the controls.

"It shows a lot of people are pretty angry with land development costs."

Only 22 per cent were against the controls in the fourth of a series of Dialogue questionnaires.

Other returns showed that while 67 per cent of respondents feel there is an energy crisis in Canada only 48 per cent agree that no further natural gas or hydro should be exported.

At the same time 83 per cent believe that in the long run the nation should

prohibit the export of crude oil and allow only refined petro chemicals to be exported.

Of those who answered the poll, 86 per cent believe equity ownership in any pipelines, railways and refineries created in the development of northern oil and gas resources should remain Canadian.

Responding to Blenkarn's suggestion of immediate

price and wage freezes for 60 or 90 days 64 per cent agreed and 27 per cent said no to the proposition.

Polling on individual freezes was 58 per cent for the automobile industry, 55 per cent for primary steel, 46 per cent for banks, 58 per cent for food processing, 59 per cent for the oil industry, 46 per cent for business machine industry.

Almost three-quarters or 72 per cent feel that all governments should be limited to levying taxes up to 30 per cent of gross national productivity even though the control would limit some social welfare programs.

Blenkarn said the country is now spending 37.7 per cent of the GNP on governments.

The Peel South MP admitted that returns to his questionnaires had fallen off from 20 per cent of the ridings 105,000 voters to about 12 per cent but he noted returns carried much more comment than previously.

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Under the plan the present Peel South riding would be split into two full constituencies and form a part of the Oakville riding.

Mississauga north would roughly comprise the area north-east of a diagonal line drawn from the town's northwest boundary to the eastern limit of Port Credit. Mississauga South would form the lands remaining south of Highway 5.

Streetsville and the Erin Mills portion of Mississauga would be lumped in with Oakville and Milton.

Blenkarn has criticized the proposals, claiming they ignored the character of the town.

Redistribution of federal electoral ridings that would give Mississauga three representatives has been stalled and could take as long as three years to enact, Peel South MP Don Blenkarn said this week.

"The word is that the government will postpone the legislation until after the next election which could be two or three years away," he said.

With 105,000 eligible voters in the last election Peel South was the nation's second most populous riding. Blenkarn estimates that in two years there will be about 135,000 eligible voters here.

The riding has more voters than Prince Edward Island's four ridings.

Blenkarn said the commission proposing redistribution has run into opposition all across the country for "butcher jobs".

He admitted that several members in his own Progressive Conservative Party are against the changes as the party's strength lies in rural areas and urban areas stand to gain by the redistribution.