

REPEAL BILL 5

Doug Ford pledged to protect Ontario, yet his new bill lets hand-picked allies bypass the laws guarding our communities and environment.

Sweeping “special economic zones.”

Bill 5 lets the provincial government carve out special economic zones in which hand-picked “trusted proponents” can ignore any provincial or municipal law, environmental protections, labour standards, traffic rules, workplace-safety regulations and local bylaws alike.

Rollback of endangered-species safeguards.

The bill scraps Ontario’s Endangered Species Act, eliminating most real protections for at-risk wildlife. Habitat protection would shrink to an animal’s immediate den or nest, leaving the surrounding forests and wetlands exposed, and cabinet ministers - not scientists - would decide which species qualify as endangered.

Indigenous Consent Overruled

By relaxing rules in “special economic zones,” the Ford government could sidestep Indigenous sovereignty and the constitutional requirement for free, prior, and informed consent. It has already signaled plans to label the Ring of Fire a special economic zone, pushing ahead with critical-minerals mining without proper consultation of the First Nations whose territories lie there.

End of Workers’ Rights

In the government’s “special economic zones,” developers could be freed from all provincial and municipal regulations, including labour laws that protect worker safety and prevent union-busting. Ontario deserves transparent, well-planned policies that give rights-holders and workers a seat at the table. Ford’s poor economic choices are steering the province toward yet another round of costly, drawn-out court battles.

What can you do?

Call the Premier and your MPP, press your regional or city councillor, show up at rallies, and team up with others fighting Bill 5.

CREATES “SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES” WHERE UNIONS, FAIR PAY AND SAFETY RULES SIMPLY DON’T APPLY.

STRIPS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS, CLEARING THE WAY TO PAVE WETLANDS AND POLLUTE WATERWAYS UNCHECKED.

LETS CABINET SECRETLY OVERRIDE ANY PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL LAW; NO DEBATE, NO APPEAL.

GREEN-LIGHTS PROJECTS ON INDIGENOUS LANDS WITHOUT REAL CONSENT, VIOLATING TREATY RIGHTS.

YANKS PLANNING POWER FROM ELECTED COUNCILS, MAKING QUEEN’S PARK THE SOLE ZONING BOSS.

GRANTS BLANKET LAWSUIT IMMUNITY TO DEVELOPERS AND OFFICIALS, SO VICTIMS CAN’T SUE FOR DAMAGES.

CREATES A TWO-TIER ONTARIO: PRIVILEGED ZONES FOR CORPORATIONS, RISK ZONES FOR EVERYONE ELSE.



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