

**Don't Let Doug Ford's Bill 5 Silence Your Voice! Act by May 17th | 15 MAY 2025**

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Bill 5 is a Dangerous Attack on Our Rights,
Environment and Democracy**

Deadline to submit comments is midnight May 17th

On April 17, the Ontario government introduced Bill 5 — *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*. But don't let the name fool you. This massive omnibus bill isn't about the economy — it's a sweeping and dangerous attack on environmental protections, democratic rights, Indigenous sovereignty, labour rights, and public health and safety.

Bill 5 doesn't protect Ontario — it leaves our province wide open to abuse by the Ontario Cabinet and its hand-picked special interests.

What's at stake?

Bill 5 is a Trojan Horse. Hidden inside are 10 schedules that:

- Repeal the Endangered Species Act — Ontario's keystone biodiversity law. This will lead to irreversible loss of species and ecosystems, with iconic species like the Woodland Caribou facing total elimination from the Ontario landscape.
- Exempt major industrial projects from environmental assessment — including the Eagle's Nest mine and Dresden landfill — without proper community consultation or due process.
- Erase archaeological and cultural protections, giving the Ontario Cabinet unchecked power to destroy Indigenous and settler heritage.
- Undermine constitutionally protected Indigenous rights — fast-tracking projects like critical minerals extraction in the Ring of Fire in far northern Ontario without Indigenous consent or legal safeguards.
- Empower the Ontario Cabinet to override any Ontario law, municipal by-law, or public protection through the creation of **Special Economic Zones under Schedule 9** — **where nothing limits what laws can be ignored or rights suspended**.

Let's be clear: Bill 5 is not about economic recovery. It is a direct assault on the rule of law, democratic accountability and basic human rights.

These Special Economic Zones aren't tied to jobs or trade or even the economy. They're about handing **unchecked power** to Cabinet to benefit their hand-picked special interests while silencing Ontario residents and sidelining the legislative process.

This mirrors a growing authoritarian trend globally — echoing moves made by President Donald Trump to roll back species protection laws in the U.S.A. Ontario is not immune; we must not follow Trump's playbook.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Submit your official comments through Ontario's Environmental Registry by midnight May 17th via this link: [Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act](#)
 2. Contact your MPP and demand they oppose Bill 5, [use this link to send a pre-prepared letter of objection](#), courtesy of Environmental Defence
 3. Share this message widely — with family, neighbours, friends and across social media.
- We encourage you to also submit comments on the following related Environmental Registry listings, to reinforce the message to the Ford government:
4. Comment on: [Special Economic Zones](#)
 5. Comment on: [Changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and a proposal for the Species Conservation Act, 2025](#)

Ontarians value due process, Indigenous rights, environmental protections, and democratic norms. We will not accept this reckless, authoritarian overreach to favour Cabinet's friends and private profit over the public good.

Let's make it clear: Ontario belongs to the people — not to special interests, not to friends of the Ontario Cabinet, and certainly not to those who treat our laws, rights and heritage as disposable.

Your voice matters. Speak now — before it's silenced.

In solidarity, Democracy Caledon
Contact us any time at info@democracycaledon.org

RESOURCE LINKS:

[Watch Environmental Defence's Webinar on Bill 5, aired May 7, 2025](#)

[Watch Environmental Defence's Bill 5 Media Conference, held May 12, 2025](#)

[Read Environmental Defence's Overview of Bill 5](#)

[Read the Canadian Environmental Law Association's legal breakdown of Bill 5 and its catastrophic implications](#)

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