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Bill 171 is a dangerous piece of legislation that should not be passed. Every aspect of the implementation of something as enormous as a transit project should be examined by non-partisan experts. At the forefront of the issues that come along with such an endeavour, the most important is how it will affect the community in the immediate vicinity. The plans of the Ontario Line being aboveground will tear apart the quality of life of several communities in Toronto. A belowground plan hasn't even been fully explored and yet, this bill asks that hearings to fight expropriations of property along the transit corridors be eliminated, taking all rights of property owners away.

It's inexcusable that this would even be suggested and reveals the government and ministry behind the Ontario Line cares little about the public it claims to serve. The affected neighbourhoods WANT better public transit, but implementing a transit plan must be done right with different ideas examine. Taking away the safeguards that protect the people and their homes and communities is a dangerous step that shouldn't be allowed.