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The development industry in Ontario has been fighting for a return to the pre-2000 era when there were few environmental restrictions and urban sprawl seemed unstoppable.

Bill 229 is another attack on environmental protections across this Province.

My particular concern with Bill 229 is Schedule 6. Currently this Bill is before the Provincial Finance Committee. It purports to be concerned with Budget expenditures more than it is concerned with the environment. What it needs is a cost/benefit analysis. It's a false economy with a short-sighted economic benefit to ignore environmental protections and the consequent impacts: flooding, erosion, water quantity and quality and loss of forests and wildlife. All losses which bring significant price tags.

The part that galls me the most is the transfer of power from the Conservation Authorities to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and as of consequence, eliminating any Public appeal process.

Bill 229 certainly doesn't meet the standard of Premier Ford's tag line, 'For The People'.