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I am only opposed to Schedule 6 of Bill 229 for the following reasons:

- LACK of public consultation;

- the fast tracked nature this Bill is going to the OLA;
- basic principles and purpose of democracy as a result of the above facts; and
- Watershed planning is extremely unique to each watershed across Ontario.

In summary: if the Conservation Authority's powers are diminished or withdrawn in this regard, the duty will fall to local municipalities which are not financially equipped nor skilled and experienced to provide a fulsome approach to the watershed planning aspect that is so incredibly important. I live in the Lake Simcoe watershed and realize the impact this amendment will have on my community.

In these uncertain times, it is not wise to discredit mother nature and the intense weather systems that impact low lying lands whether that be in the form of flash floods, hasty developers trying to make a quick buck or blatant ignorance to the water systems we need to live with not against. I've seen flooding and water in any form is a costly dangerous substance when underestimated or ignored.

When I was in the municipal drainage business, insurance board of Canada was very outspoken in the flooding aspect and not insuring homes that were in flood plain areas. The proposed Budget Bill 229, mostly Schedule 6 is neither smart nor proactive decision making on any one party's benefit.

If you are trying to strip the CA's of power, don't do it under the guise of COVID-19. At least give the public an opportunity to opine as is the typical process and post the amendments proposed on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry. Set a short time frame but at lease do it. This COVID gestapo tactic is unacceptable.

Such a vital service the CA's provide this Province, that any amendments must not be swept through the Legislature under the guise of something else. That is not ethical in the least - it's called bad faith business. People will rise up regardless of the scare of COVID.

Would you like to add any other information?

Democracy is a necessary path to social justice and civil obedience. Challenging this vital implement is to chance an uprising.

Thank you,

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