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I request that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 be removed.

The fate of our environment is not intended to be decided by one person, or one political party or group of partisan donors, or land developers and land deal proponents, but by the public in an open, thoughtful and transparent process.

Neutering the public's ability to protect and police the natural environment and our watershed is an action that shows blindness to the crucial importance of the environment. Schedule 6 takes direct aim at environmental protections and gives one person the power to usurp them.

Democratically assembled conservation authorities assure that the sanctity of nature and habitat protection is placed above profit motives, private interests and crass greed.

It is unacceptable that this government proposes measures that will facilitate and encourage the paving over farmland, risking water sources, wetlands, endangered species and other natural heritage -- with no public consultation, no locally-driven input and without going through the normal planning processes and evidence-based reviews.

Even a child knows it is wrong to steamroll over the environment. Think of the poor example this legislation sets.

Politicians who support Schedule 6 will have environmental destruction as their legacy. To those of that ilk on the committee, please think twice and vote not to hurt the environment. You can choose to strike Schedule 6 from Bill 229. Future generations will applaud you.

Would you like to add any other information?

Schedule 6 of Bill 229 has widespread opposition from all credible quarters: conservation experts, environmental groups, scientists, editorials & media. Sober second thought, please, Govt. Members.