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As an Ontarian, I was appalled to learn that the PC government of Ontario wants to fast-track Bill 229 with Schedule 6 (proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and consequential amendments) and

Schedule 8 (proposed changes to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994) without consultation of the public. It feels perfidious and just wrong. It feels again that the PC government is supporting developers with these proposed changes.

We are in the middle of a climate emergency and we do know that forests and wetlands help absorb CO₂ from the atmosphere. Building climate resilience is crucially important for Ontario. Ontario is losing so much land each year to development and we need to protect what is still there and already protected.

I am disappointed with the PC government, which says they love Ontario, as it tries to do harm to its most valuable natural areas. I urge the government to withdraw Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 in their entirety from Bill 229.