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I am extremely concerned about Bill 245, and in particular, Schedule 6.

To combine 5 tribunals into one body, Ontario Land Tribunal, is inefficient and dangerous.

The Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board), the Mining and Lands Tribunal, the Conservation Review Board, the Board of Negotiation, and the Environmental Reviews Tribunal all require very different knowledge and skills for performance of their work. Combining them into one means that the necessary knowledge and skills will be missing, and dangerous decisions may be made.

Because community members and municipalities will be allowed less say over land use planning. crucial information will not be included in decision-making.

Stripping down the expropriations process by eliminating requirements that currently apply to the Board of Negotiation and the LPAT under sections 27-29 of the Expropriations Act removes the mandatory inspection of land

being expropriated, timelines for the service of appraisal reports, the requirement of a written record of oral proceedings, the requirement of a written reasons for decisions, and the authority to publish reports of significant decisions.

I am very worried that politically partisan and developer-friendly adjudicators will be appointed to this new mega tribunal, stacking the decisions in favour of big development. While this might seem to expedite business, in fact it will result in environmental destruction and hardship for local people in areas affected - and will be extremely detrimental to democracy in Ontario.

I urge you NOT to let any of this happen.

Think seven generations in your decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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