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Why is the Ford government using MZO's to bulldoze wetlands and green space, in order to build a warehouse? Not only does this not contribute to solving the affordable housing crisis, this move completely undermines any authority that municipalities have traditionally had in such decisions. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has clearly stated that it only allowed a developer to level the Pickering wetlands "under duress." The Pickering wetlands are a protected area of great ecological importance to the region. Aside from the fact that we are facing a climate crisis and Toronto has declared a climate emergency - considering bulldozing wetlands is counterintuitive to solving that crisis we are also allowing the premier to bypass local

experts in order to fast track a money-making project for developers who he has been personally linked to. This law has no community support, and premier Ford recognizes this and has been incredibly (unusually) quiet about it. The conservatives have tried to sneak this bill under an innocuous name- if they truly believed it above board, would this amendment have been tabled as part of an otherwise unrelated bill on expanding broadband access in rural areas? It would be unfair to allow the developer to rely on potentially unlawful zoning to go ahead and permanently destroy important natural heritage features, including a provincially significant coastal wetland that might be irreplaceable, when the court hasn't fully determined whether it is lawful to do so.