

**STOP  
BILL 66**

# Bill 66: What You Need to Know

- 1. It affects every municipality in Ontario.** Bill 66 allows municipalities across the province to create “open-for-business by-laws” that would trump critical legal requirements to protect water, natural heritage, farmland and human health and well-being. These by-laws would take precedence over municipal official plans.
- 2. It threatens drinking water across Ontario.** Open-for-business by-laws would override policies in approved source protection plans intended to protect existing and future sources of municipal drinking water from threats such as landfills, sewage systems and improper handling of fuel, manure and pesticides.
- 3. It threatens wetlands, woodlands and habitat for species at risk across Ontario.** Open-for-business by-laws would circumvent protections for these important habitats and species set out in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) under the Planning Act.
- 4. It threatens farmland across Ontario.** Open-for-business by-laws would bypass agricultural protections set out, for example, in the PPS. This could lead to more urban sprawl.
- 5. It threatens two million acres of natural areas and farmland across the Greenbelt.** Open-for-business by-laws would override protections for natural heritage and farmland set out in the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.
- 6. It threatens fresh water and the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed.** Open-for-business bylaws would trump requirements set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.
- 7. It would undermine efforts to make Ontario communities more livable, sustainable and resilient.** Open-for-business by-laws would override PPS policies supporting active transportation, affordable housing, green infrastructure and climate resiliency.
- 8. It would compromise transparency and public engagement.** Contrary to current legal requirements (Planning Act, Clean Water Act), the by-laws could be passed without any prior public notice, behind closed doors.
- 9. It would leave citizens without recourse.** Community members would not be able to appeal open-for-business by-laws to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- 10. It threatens human and wildlife health through increased exposure to toxic chemicals.** Bill 66 proposes to repeal the Toxics Reduction Act, which requires certain industrial facilities to consider ways to reduce the use and emission of toxic chemicals in their operations.

**With your help, we can stop Bill 66.**

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