Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) comments on Ontario's Bill 140 "Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026".

FOCA has reviewed the Ontario Government's omnibus Bill 140 and has identified a number of proposed changes to the Environmental Bill of Rights that would significantly reduce the public's ability to take part in environmental decisions and seek accountability for environmental harm. This includes eliminating the public's right to appeal certain decisions at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

For waterfront communities, these rights are a vital safeguard for lakes, shorelines, wetlands and drinking water.

FOCA is very concerned, and they are asking cottagers, waterfront residents and lake associations to speak up. The comment period ends November 26, 2026.

FOCA's letter to the Premier of Ontario can be found here:

FOCA COMMENTS - BILL 140 (add hyperlink)

FOCA encourages concerned waterfront property owners to comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario postings (ERO #026-1109 and #026-1048) and contact your MPP to ask them to oppose Bill 140. Please copy info@foca.on.ca on your emails.

Additional information and links to provide comments can be found on FOCA's webpage:

FOCA - Bill 140 Backgrounder

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