

May 8, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL & ERO REGISTRY

TO: Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
c/o Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister
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MECP
Public Input Coordinator – Species at Risk Protection
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RE: CELA Submissions on Proposed Interim Changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and a Proposal for the Species Conservation Act, 2025 – ERO No. 025-0380; Addressing Changes to the Eagle’s Nest Mine Project – ERO No. 025-0396; and Removing Environmental Assessment Requirements for the York1 Waste Disposal Site Project – ERO No. 025-0389; and Amendments to the Environmental Protection Act (Comment Period April 17, 2025 – May 17, 2025)

TO: Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines
c/o Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister
ministerenergy@ontario.ca ; and
miningactamendments@ontario.ca

RE: CELA Submissions on Proposed Amendments to the Mining Act 1990, Electricity Act 1998, and Ontario Energy Board Act 1998, to Protect Ontario’s Economy and Build a More Prosperous Ontario – ERO No. 025-0409 (Comment Period April 17, 2025 – May 17, 2025)

TO: Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
c/o Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister
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RE: CELA Submissions on Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, Schedule 7 of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 – ERO No. 025-0418 (Comment Period April 17, 2025 – May 17, 2025)

TO: Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure
c/o Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister
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RE: CELA Submissions on Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 – ERO No. 025-0416 (Comment Period April 17, 2025 – May 17, 2025)

TO: Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
c/o Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister
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RE: CELA Submissions on Special Economic Zones Act, 2025 – ERO No. 025-0391 (Comment Period April 17, 2025 – May 17, 2025)

Enclosed please find submissions on Bill 5 and its associated schedules.

Overall, it is CELA's submission that all of the Bill 5 schedules, with minor exceptions, should be withdrawn and not further considered by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario until they are substantially modified to ensure robust protection for the environment, human health, and vulnerable members of the Ontario public, including Indigenous peoples, who may otherwise be harmed by the amendments contained in the various schedules. The particulars of CELA's concerns are set out in the submissions.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa McClenaghan', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Theresa McClenaghan
Executive Director and Counsel

Encl. Submissions of the Canadian Environmental Law Association on Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025* (May 2025)