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RE: Objection to Bill 23 in content and process

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes in Bill 23:

- There is no evidence that Bill 23 will provide a comprehensive solution to affordable housing as it purports to do
- There is no evidence that studies of solutions implemented in other urban centres were factored into this proposal
- Bill 23 appears to be a reversal of earlier (and recent) urban and environment policy and investments of tax payer dollars demonstrating poor long-term planning and waste
- The rapid pressing of these changes through with little consultation is suspect further reducing trust in elected officials and coordination between provincial and municipal parties
- Allowing neighbouring parties to construct units on their lots that will potentially harm the trees and gardens on my property demonstrates a lack of sensitivity to the issues expressed by residents
- The push to infill housing anywhere in neighbourhoods conflicts with environmental, forestry, land use and other policies demonstrating a lack of coordinated policy
- Bill 23 flagrantly disregards the importance of trees and protected lands to our health and future generations
- **Bill 23 takes away the rights of impacted residents to appeal while still allowing developers and builders to appeal. This is absolutely wrong.**

In addition, I wish to express my concern with the lack of consultation, time for reflection, and inclusion of residents and experts at an appropriate pace for careful consideration and to include all in what should be a democratic process.

I ask that you pause on this course of action, revise the approach to create a sustainable long-term solution making use of the expertise and experience available as we rely on our elected representatives to do looking out for the long-term health of the province.

Signature:

Address: