

# NOTICE OF OBJECTION

Re: Chemical Herbicide Spraying in Ontario's Public Forests

To: Local MPP and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)

We, the undersigned, formally object to the continued use of chemical herbicides, including glyphosate-based products, in Ontario's Public Forests.

## 1. Basis of the Objection

This Notice of Objection is submitted due to serious, well-documented, and unresolved concerns regarding the continued use of forest herbicides in Ontario, including:

- **The March 2026 Seattle Statement on Glyphosate and Public Health**, finalized and adopted at the Seattle Glyphosate Symposium, concluded that the evidence of harm from glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides is now so strong that no additional delays in regulation can be justified. The statement identifies harms extending beyond cancer to endocrine, neurological, reproductive, kidney, liver, and metabolic harms, as well as genetic damage, oxidative stress, and hormonal disruption. **In light of that conclusion, continued herbicide spraying in Ontario's Public Forests is scientifically and ethically indefensible and should end immediately.**
- **The December 2025 retraction of the Williams, Kroes & Munro (2000) glyphosate safety review** removed a publication relied upon for decades to support glyphosate safety claims, further confirming that the scientific basis for continued spraying has collapsed.
- **Risks to public health and drinking water**, including contamination of wells, lakes, wetlands, rivers, and surface waters relied upon by rural, Northern, and Indigenous communities.
- **Harm to wildlife, biodiversity, forest resilience, and local food systems**, including impacts on pollinators, birds, amphibians, mammals, berries, medicinal plants, and game species.
- **Ongoing impacts on Treaty rights and Indigenous land use**, despite decades of formal and sustained opposition from Indigenous Nations that has not been adequately addressed or resolved.
- **The findings of Canada's 1999 Senate report on the boreal forest**, which recommended that herbicide and chemical pesticide use in the boreal forest be phased out as soon as possible; the fact that **Québec ended forest herbicide spraying in 2001**; and the fact that **Ontario prohibited these same chemicals for cosmetic use in 2009** to protect children and families. These facts demonstrate that non-chemical alternatives are both viable and already recognized as necessary.

## 2. Community Representation

This Notice of Objection is submitted on behalf of the Residents of \_\_\_\_\_ (Unorganized Territory)

This objection reflects the collective concerns of residents living in an unorganized territory who do not have a municipal council to represent them and who must therefore speak for themselves directly.

## 3. Requested Actions

We formally call on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to:

- **End the use of all chemical herbicides in forestry operations** and transition to non-chemical vegetation management practices.
- **Acknowledge that continued spraying is scientifically and ethically indefensible** in light of the December 2025 retraction and the March 2026 Seattle Statement.

