

# INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

## CONSENT · TREATIES · RING OF FIRE

Free, prior, and informed consent is not optional — it is a treaty obligation and a human rights standard. Provincial policy is pushing Ring of Fire and other northern development without adequate consent processes or respect for Indigenous governance.

FPIC

RING OF FIRE

BILL 5

### FREE, PRIOR & INFORMED CONSENT

UNDRIP and Canadian law increasingly recognize FPIC — Ontario's rush to develop often ignores it.

- Bill 5 reduces Indigenous participation in environmental decision-making.
- Major projects proceed before consent is sought from affected Nations.
- Treaty rights to hunt, fish, and govern traditional territories are treated as obstacles.
- Court challenges and land defender actions reflect legitimate opposition — not "blockades" to dismiss.
- Reconciliation requires changing process, not just adding consultation after decisions are made.

### RING OF FIRE

A massive mining and infrastructure corridor in the James Bay lowlands affects multiple First Nations.

- Roads, power lines, and mines would permanently alter wetlands and caribou habitat.
- Promised jobs and revenue rarely match environmental and cultural costs borne locally.
- Nations have not uniformly consented — some have explicitly opposed the current timeline.
- Federal and provincial governments have pressured acceleration despite outstanding land claims.
- Water contamination risk in northern river systems affects downstream communities for generations.

### WHAT SOLIDARITY LOOKS LIKE

Non-Indigenous Ontarians can support Nations leading on their own terms.

- Listen to Indigenous-led organizations — do not speak over them.
- Contact your MPP: development without consent is not reconciliation.
- Learn treaty history for the land you live on.
- Read more: [protectont.ca/indigenous-rights](https://protectont.ca/indigenous-rights)

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