

# Protection of Oak Ridges Moraine PETITION

## TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

**Whereas** Citizens are concerned that contaminants in materials used as fill for pits and quarries may endanger water quality and the natural environment of the Oak Ridges Moraine;

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment has a responsibility and a duty to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine;

**Whereas** the Government of Ontario has the lead responsibility to provide the tools to lower-tier government to plan, protect and enforce clear, effective policies governing the application and permit process for the placement of fill in abandoned pits and quarries;

**Whereas** this process requires clarification regarding rules respecting what materials may be used to rehabilitate or fill abandoned pits and quarries;

**Therefore, we the undersigned** ask that the Minister of the Environment initiate a moratorium on the clean fill application and permit process on the Oak Ridges Moraine until there are clear rules; and we further ask that the provincial government take all necessary actions to prevent contamination of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

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