



NOTICE: A [withdrawal order](#) is in effect for those lands in Southern Ontario (South of Lake Nipissing, and the French and Mattawa Rivers), where there is a *patented surface rights owner*, and the mining rights are owned by the Crown.

BMA RECOMMENDATIONS on BILL 173 include:

1. **The Purpose of the Mining Act** should ensure that the full mining cycle is undertaken:
in a sustainable social, environmental and economical manner,
in a manner that is consistent with the legal obligations of the Crown to Aboriginal peoples,
only in areas where mining compliments other local economic activities.
2. **The withdrawal order for lands in Southern Ontario should stand**
3. **Rejoining mining and surface rights**
4. **Withdrawal of Crown Land** including:
land not identified as Provincially Significant Mineral Potential
where criteria in Municipal Plans warrants action
Areas of local heritage and sensitive land
UNESCO sites
Conservation areas
5. **Exploration Plans and Permitting**
Consent at all stages - prior to entry, exploration, permitting –on SRO land
Landowner education packages
impact studies and site restoration
Review by MOE, Conservation Authorities and Municipality
Exploration Plans must be approved by MNDM
Deposit to cover cost of restoration
Material changes to be approved by landowner, MNMD and MOE
Compensation to include damages, loss of use, profit and loss of enjoyment
6. **Environmental impact and assessment studies**
7. **Consultation with Municipalities**

Please send submissions to committee

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