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Purposed Bill 4 the Biodiversity Act

(A good example of how to make NS a dictatorship)

- A.) First: make the Minister of NS Lands and Forestry all powerful
- B.) Second: set up a system to take away private land by regulation that will destroy centuries of private land rights (Magra Carter)
- C.) Third: making up regulations behind closed doors with no input from private land owner's
- D.) Forth: the way the law is written it is wide open to give pressure groups out of Halifax the power to pressure the NS Minister of Lands and Forestry to do their bidding.

If I'm reading the purposed Bill 4 (Biodiversity Act) correctly it is based on the same principles as an employer is liable for any act by an employee. If this is true it means that anyone, I give permission to use our forest land like I do now due to thousands of mostly HRM families, which up to now have permission from me to use us up to 13000 acres of Barrett Lumber Company (BLC) and family land for recreational purposes. If this bill is passed it will make BLC and Family liable for any digressions done by the recreational users. If this bill is passed BLC and Family will have no choice but to outlaw any use of our timber limit by the general public.

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An example of having a good intention can come back to bite you:

- 1.) I personally went to policy discussions of the purposed law "Violence in the workplace" I thought it would be a good law. I supported the concept publicly, at no time during the public discussion was any regulations discussed.
- 2.) When the law was passed, we at BLC implemented a policy of zero tolerance of violence in the BLC workplace
- 3.) One morning at 7 am an employee showed up with a baseball bat and completely destroyed a fellow employee's car. Following our policy of zero violence at BLC we dismissed him. The same Department of Labor who said we have to have this policy fined BLC thousands for unjust dismissal. The worst result for this betrayal by the NS dept. of Labor is we at BLC are forced to no longer hire anyone with a temper. It seems to me that politicians would rather have people living on the streets of Halifax rather than have them gainfully employed.

Since I have lost faith in any government of making laws and then making regulations behind closed doors, I ask you:

- 1.) Pull this legislation before you do more damage to the Nova Scotia culture of private land owners allowing fellow Nova Scotians to use their land providing, they treat the land with respect.
- 2.) If an only if you bring this legislation forward in the future you have meaningful input from private land owners, have the purposed regulation tabled with the bill.
- 3.) In no way a future bill should be set up that city slickers (lobby groups) can pressure a NS Forestry Minister to be forced to follow the lobby group's agenda.

Yours Truly



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