



# Climate Reason #10 to Defeat Ford

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# REASON NUMBER 10

## 10. Ford ignores Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Ford's economic program of unbridled growth, resource extraction, and urban sprawl is often in conflict with the rights and well being of Indigenous Peoples.

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled against Premier Ford's refusal to put a price on GHG pollution. In its ruling, the Supreme Court made it clear that the climate crisis is "a threat of the highest order to the country, and indeed the world". And that it will cause "significant environmental, economic and human harm nationally and internationally, with especially high impacts in the Canadian Arctic, in coastal regions and on Indigenous Peoples."

Increasingly, Indigenous Peoples are in conflict with fossil fuel and resource extraction companies and governments that promote a model of economic growth that sacrifices natural systems and Indigenous communities.

Whether it is Ford's efforts to pave over wetlands in Pickering, or to support more suburban housing tracts in Bradford; whether it is his support of Enbridge Line 5, or Ford's boast of personally driving the bulldozers through the peat bogs to the Ring of Fire: whether it is his clear cutting of boreal forests or failing to clean up the English-Wabigoon River, we know this:

Indigenous land, water, and air defenders and their communities are on the front lines.

The intersection, where Ford's plans meet, or more accurately, confront Indigenous communities, is one of the reasons we need the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). ([Link to Climate Crime #16](#))

On June 21, 2021, the Canadian government passed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. This UNDRIP Act emphasizes lasting reconciliation, healing, and cooperative relations.

The Ford government strongly objected to the federal government's UNDRIP Act. Ontario claimed that it would hinder government and corporate economic development plans. Ford's government has failed to introduce legislation to fully and effectively implement UNDRIP in Ontario as required by the United Nations convention process. The Ford Government has ignored the call by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to fully implement UNDRIP in all jurisdictions in Canada.