



The *Far North Act* will set aside 225,000 square kilometres as a protected area within NAN First Nation homelands without their consultation, accommodation or consent. It will effectively lock down the land to prevent First Nations, among the poorest people in Canada, from achieving economic independence by preventing the development needed to build healthy communities and help strengthen the Ontario economy.

NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly have condemned Bill 191 and are calling for its immediate withdrawal. They are demanding that the Government of Ontario enter into a respectful government-to-government dialogue to address land use planning in NAN territory.

NAN is appealing to First Nations, industry, environmental organizations and members of the general public to voice their opposition to Bill 191. An on-line petition has been established calling for the withdrawal of this legislation.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario.

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**For more information** on Bill 191, *the Far North Act*, or to sign the on-line petition visit **[www.oski-machiitawin.ca](http://www.oski-machiitawin.ca)**.

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