

Good afternoon,

My name is Frances Anderson, I live in Lunenburg County and I wish to submit the following comments to the Public Bills Committee about Clauses 14 and 15 of Bill 127 - Protecting Nova Scotians Act.

I'm quite concerned about the inclusion of changes to the Crown Lands Act in such a broad bill with no virtually no time for the public to make comments or be consulted. Crown Lands belong to all of us, and the proposed changes have been "hidden" in a Bill which purports to protect but in fact proposes to punish Nova Scotians. The proposed penalties for fairly minor "infractions" on Crown lands seem unusually harsh and punitive. Who precisely is being protected?

The practice of introducing omnibus bills has increased (lessons from South of the border?) alarmingly in the recent past. The inclusion of Clauses 14 and 15 in a much broader Bill slides dangerously close to autocratic rather than democratic as the speed with which it is being rammed through attests.

I appeal to the Public Bills Committee to reject those Clauses and ask that they be struck from Bill 127.

Yours truly,

Frances Anderson