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The government is trying to downplay and say some private land owners are overreacting to the biodiversity act and that it is not their intention to take control of anyone's land. If it's not their intention why is all the control written into the act? If it is truly just about working with landowners to conserve nature, take out the control, fines, right to trespass, right to enter buildings etc. Private landowners should have the final say on THEIR land. Not be asked and then if they choose no, then be forced. How can they say we aren't losing rights if our decisions can be overridden whenever the government wants? A large portion of the bill is about control and rights being diminished if they choose to deem a piece of land a biodiversity zone. The majority of Nova Scotians if approached would most likely work with government if their land has a biodiversity zone, especially if compensated. Many Nova Scotians care to conserve biodiversity where they can. If someone says no, that's their right. This is supposed to be a free country. We can all argue about our opinions about the government's intent until our faces turn blue. We can tell small private landowners "you aren't who they are after." It's not going to change the content of the bill. It is 100% in the Bill that they could use their powers to make a biodiversity zone literally anywhere, including private land whether you like it or not. That is a fact. Read the Bill for yourself. Don't just read CBC articles or whatever is floating around on the internet. Read the bill and see all the penalties, control and force for yourself. Just make it about conserving our beautiful province in a fair way for all.

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