

## **Statement of Endorsement**

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The proposed New Brunswick Environmental Bill of Rights could not come at a more opportune time. The world is facing an unprecedented planetary emergency and one of the most powerful tools in the struggle for a just and sustainable future is the right to a healthy environment. Recently recognized by the United Nations, this fundamental human right now enjoys legal recognition in more than 160 nations. It has proven to be a catalyst for stronger environmental laws, improved implementation and enforcement of those laws and most importantly, improved environmental quality.

I urge New Brunswick to join the global movement and get cracking with the steps needed to ensure that everyone in New Brunswick can fully enjoy their right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.