

# ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

## Bill C-226 Recommendations



*"It's a very unequal playing field, you know, we're always usually the last to know what's going on. Because we're not fully or meaningfully informed. Projects are way past shovel ready. Concrete is literally being dumped into rivers before even somebody says, 'Oh, maybe we should talk to those Indigenous people that are impacted.'"*

*-Les Dysart, O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation*

### NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US

Prioritizing active involvement of impacted Indigenous communities in every stage of environmental policy decision-making is essential. Genuine transformative change cannot happen without full community engagement.

### NO RECONCILIATION WITHOUT TRUTH

Recognizing and providing compensation to affected Indigenous communities who have endured injustices, both historical and ongoing, will initiate the reconciliation process and pave the way for healing to commence.

### HONESTY EMPOWERS

Transparency should be fully integrated at every stage of environmental policy planning. Both past and present data should be accessible, and owned and controlled by affected Indigenous communities. Trust and honesty is essential, as this helps empower all involved stakeholders and rights holders.

### COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DATA & RESEARCH

Indigenous communities must be heavily involved at every stage of research and data collection. As their involvement enables diverse and holistic viewpoints to flourish, encompassing first-hand experiences, cultural norms, and local narratives. If included at all, western science should be included alongside Indigenous science.