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Bill 599

**An Act to affirm the collective nature of
natural resources**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to affirm the collective nature of Québec's natural resources and entrust the Québec State with the role of custodian of renewable and non-renewable collective natural resources.

The bill provides that natural resources exploitation projects are to be carried out under the leadership of the State as master architect.

It imposes a new trusteeship obligation on the State under which projects involving the exploitation of Québec's natural resources must translate into greater benefits for the State than for any private partner.

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AN ACT TO AFFIRM THE COLLECTIVE NATURE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** Québec's natural resources are part of the collective heritage of Quebecers.
- 2.** The Québec State is the custodian of Québec's renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

As such, it must ensure that natural resources are exploited in a manner that is prudent, respectful of future generations and consistent with the sustainable development and protection of natural resources.

- 3.** The Québec State is the master architect of all projects for the development of Québec's natural resources, whether in partnership with the private sector or not.
- 4.** In all exploration, extraction or commercialization projects, the Québec State acts as trustee of the collective heritage which natural resources represent.

It must ensure, when authorizing the exploitation of natural resources, that the collective benefits gained are greater than the private benefits granted.

- 5.** The Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife is responsible for the administration of this Act.
- 6.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

