

Opposition says residents want Outdoor Bill of Rights

St. John's — Opposition environment critic Roland Butler says the provincial government has failed to make good on a promise to bring forward an outdoor bill of rights to protect the people of the province and their right to utilize the natural environment.

Butler said he raised the issue earlier this year after receiving complaints about a lack of consultation on a number of issues, including trail permit requirements.

Since that time, he said, more issues have been raised by residents who are concerned their right to access the province's outdoor natural environment is becoming difficult.

"We are receiving growing numbers of complaints in our office from people who are upset that their access to land and road networks are being limited or removed," Butler said. "Again, these complaints stem from a lack of consultation and decisions being made without considering the impact on traditional outdoor land users."