

# Northern Leaders' Economic Summit

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# Questions

1. What opportunities exist regarding our “Natural Resources” that have yet to be initiated?
2. What legislative issues need to be tackled to support and enhance resource-based industries?
3. What other types of barriers need to be removed to enhance opportunities for growth and prosperity in this sector?

# Our System in Ontario

- Most forest in Northern Ontario is Crown Land
- Crown Land is managed and protected by MNR
- Any change to the system will require changes to MNR policies and practices
- Some change will require going beyond MNR

# Forest Community Dilemma

- Protect and maintain jobs in the traditional commodity-based forest products sector
- Create fibre access for SME's
- Create forest/fibre access for new non-traditional businesses and industries (bioenergy/bioproductions) that want access to forest resources

# Getting Harder .....

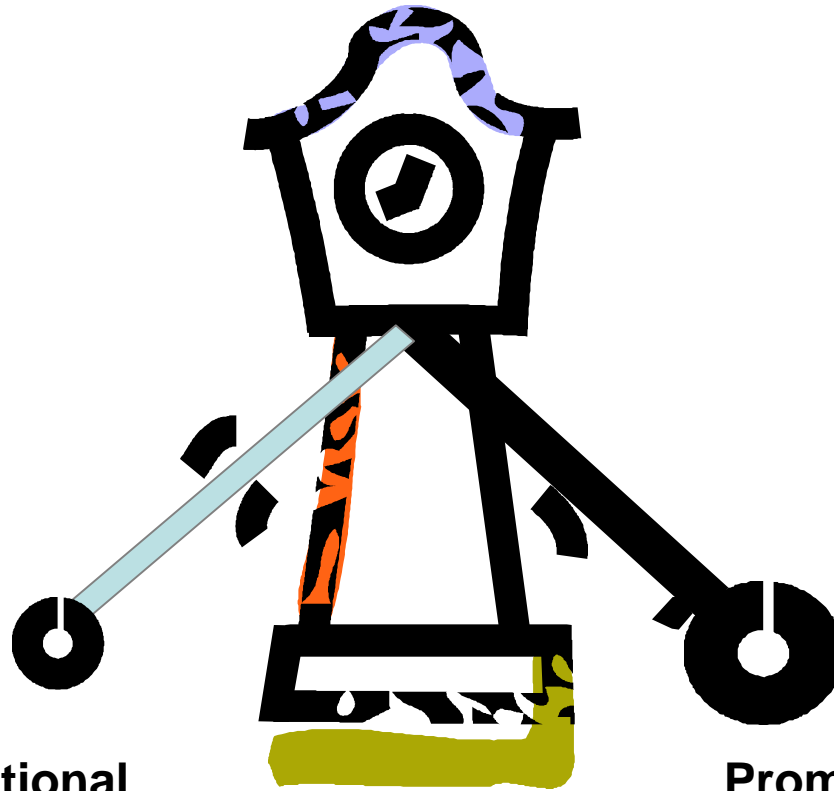


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# Traditional industry and new industry are linked....

- Most economical biomass for bioenergy is mill residues.....but as traditional mills close down, less residues are available
- Best way to harvest standing biomass for energy is at same time as harvesting roundwood....not separate operations
- Forest industry has experience in biomass for energy in their own operations

# Pendulum is swinging



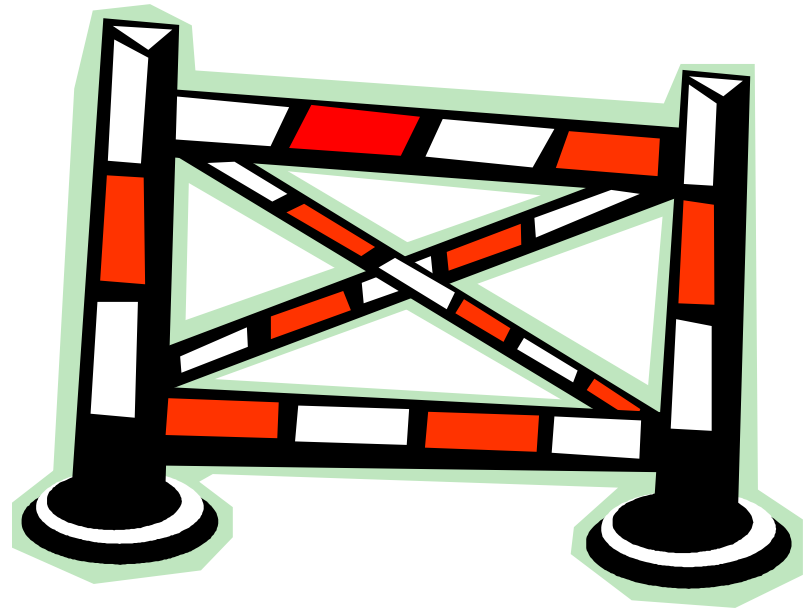
**Protect traditional  
industry**

**Promote access  
for new industry**

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# Issues difficult to influence

- \$ exchange rate
- US protectionism
- Worldwide competition
- Energy prices
- Radical change to forest tenure



# Issues easier to influence

- Incremental change to forest tenure
- More community participation in forest tenure
- Get energy and chemical companies interested in forest resources



# Time to choose!

- Incremental change (business as usual ?)  
Or
- Radical change (tilting at windmills?)  
Or
- Both (have your cake and eat it too?)