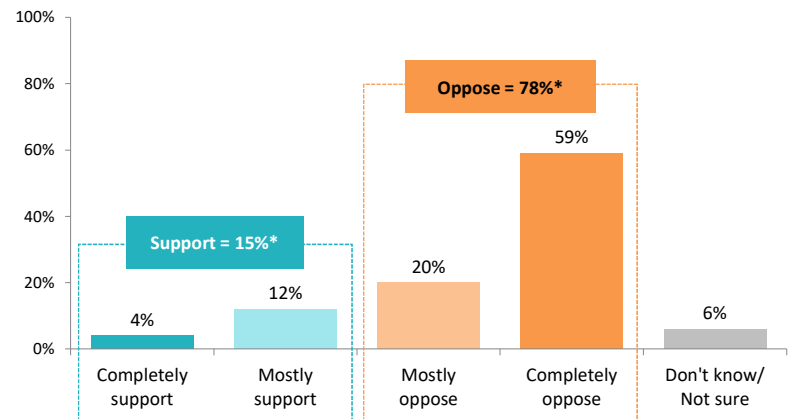


The following presents a brief snapshot of results for the questions commissioned by the **Ecology Action Centre** in the Spring 2026 Atlantic Quarterly®. Details on the research methodology are provided below.

Key Highlights

- A very strong majority of four in five (78%) Nova Scotians **oppose** the government permitting private developments like golf courses, hotels, spas, etc. in legally protected parks and protected areas.
- Of note, three in five (59%) **strongly oppose** permitting private developments in legally protected parks and protected areas.
- Support for such development is limited. A total of 15 percent **support**, but only 4 percent **completely support**. Support is higher in Cape Breton and amongst men.

Support/Oppose the Government of NS Permitting Private Developments in Legally Protected Parks and Protected Areas



Q.EAC1: Recently, both Premier Tim Houston and Minister of Natural Resources Kim Masland have said that the government of Nova Scotia is open to private developments in any of the province's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas. All thing considered, do you support or oppose the government permitting private developments like golf courses, hotels, spas, etc. in legally protected Parks and Protected Areas? (n=540) *Due to rounding.

Method	Non-probability online survey
Data Collection Dates	May 19 - 28, 2026
Sampling	- The survey was conducted with 540 residents in Nova Scotia using Narrative Research's East Coast Voice panel. - Given the online methodology and use of a non-probability sample, a margin of error is not applied to the results. - Region, gender, and age quotas were established, and overall results were weighted to ensure accurate representation of the population's true distribution according to Statistics Canada 2021 census data.