

## Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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### Submitter Comments:

The Barrambin stadium development proposal does not meet existing laws or social expectations. Australia does not need the Queensland Parliament to force through a bill to try to make a expensive and destructive project to try to go ahead that goes against wel-established legal norms and community expectations. Right now, there are several legal arguments being raised against the Barrambin stadium development, each of which justify the cancelling of this disastrous proposal:

1. **\*\*Violation of Indigenous Cultural Heritage\*\*** – Traditional custodians, including Yuggera/Chepura woman Auntie Deb Sandy, argue that Barrambin is a sacred site with deep cultural significance. The area was historically a communal ground for Aboriginal people, and there are concerns that building a stadium would erase this heritage. We do not want to make the Olympic and Paralympic legacy one of destruction of Indigenous culture. Beyond leading to Federal law legal challenges, this will result in a decade of media hurting Brisbane's, Queensland's and Australia's image. 2. **\*\*Breach of the Olympic Host Contract\*\*** – The Queensland government had previously agreed with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that new Olympic venues would not be built adjacent to or within culturally protected areas. Since Victoria Park-Barrambin is a state heritage-listed site, opponents argue that constructing a stadium there would violate this legally binding agreement. The IOC does not want to be a party to the destruction of the environment or trashing the lands of Indigenous peoples. 3. **\*\*Environmental and Sustainability Concerns\*\*** – Brisbane 2032 was originally committed to being a "climate-positive" event, meaning it would remove more carbon from the atmosphere than it emits. However, recent changes to the Olympic Host Contract have weakened these sustainability obligations, raising concerns that the stadium development could contribute to environmental harm. 4. **Noise and medical concerns:** This stadium will be built next to a hospital. The reason it is a park and quiet is so that sick people in hospital can receive the quiet and care they need to recover. If you have ever slept next to a stadium with events you will know it is not possible to get any rest. Unless the plans include shutting down and moving the hospital, this location is not viable as events would not be able to be run effectively without causing harm to those in the hospital.