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

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The State Government's crude proposal for Victoria Park is vandalism on a scale not seen since the philistine days of Joh Bjelke-Peterson. The State Government is proposing to override 15 Queensland laws to clear the path for their Olympic developments - including the TWO proposed stadiums in Victoria Park. These are serious laws like the Planning Act, Environmental Protection Act, Queensland Heritage Act and more. Here's the full list on the chopping block - (a) the City of Brisbane Act 2010;(b) the Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995;(c) the Economic Development Act 2012;(d) the Environmental Offsets Act 2014;(e) the Environmental Protection Act 1994;(f) the Fisheries Act 1994;(g) the Integrated Resort Development Act 1987;(h) the Local Government Act 2009;(i) the Nature Conservation Act 1992;(j) the Planning Act 2016;(k) the Queensland Heritage Act 1992;(I) the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014;(m) the South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009;(n) the Vegetation Management Act 1999;(o) the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008These laws exist for a reason. They are there to protect Brisbane's unique history, to safeguard irreplaceable parts of our environment and heritage against short-sighted decision making. To dismantle them, in order to ram through two massive, poorly-conceived stadium developments that will forever change the face of Victoria Park Barrambin, should raise a red flag to all those who value our precious green spaces, our laws and democratic process. The proposal flagrantly ignores the impact of the construction activities on access in and out of the Royal Brisbane Hospital & all its ancillary services (most notably ambulances). It ignores the significant Indigenous history of Victoria Park. It ignores the preciousness pertaining to the green lungs of Victoria Park.

All these devastating long-term losses for what? A sporting event of just 16 days.