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I am writing to express that I am outraged that the QLD government is planning to overturn planning laws in order to push through the development of Olympic stadiums in Victoria Park. What is the point of having planning laws if you can just ignore them?!

To have our government simply change the laws to suit themselves makes a mockery of the whole democratic process. I know that there has been a lot of community consultation about the development of Victoria park and an olympic stadium is not something we, the community, have wanted. To simply over-rule all of that to build stadiums makes me feel as though community consultation has been a farce.

Our green spaces are one of my number one reasons for living in Brisbane. I have been so pleased to see the opening up of VICTORIA Park to the public in recent years and have looked forward to enjoying this space long into the future. Turning this into stadiums for what is, in effect, quite a short event seems short sighted.

I would like to ask the committee to consider the example that the Paris Olympics set for us. It was so refreshing to see them make such good use of the infrastructure that they already have, showcasing the city and the country. It was admirable to see them do something economically responsible and I had thought they set a new standard for other countries to follow. You don't have to build fancy stadiums or destroy the existing green spaces in order to host the Olympic games.

Please don't let the government overturn our planning laws. They have been written to prevent exactly this kind of madness.

Kind regards

Narelle