

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

Submission No: 189
Submitted by: Aaron Doyle
Publication:
Attachments:
Submitter Comments:

From: [REDACTED]
To: [State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Date: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 10:13:35 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Aaron Doyle
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission regarding the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

I'm not a particularly articulate person, so please bear with me.

- 1) If the proposed developments were in the best interest of Queenslanders, they would pass existing legislative requirements.
- 2) The current legislation you want to bypass is in place for a reason. They don't exist just to annoy you. They are there to help mitigate issues or stop risky or inappropriate proposals. They are in place to protect Queensland. Bypassing these safeguards will lead to suboptimal solutions.
It's also on the road to authoritarianism. Bypassing laws you don't like, to do things you want.
- 3) The Victoria Park stadium proposal is a particularly bad idea - the Olympic principles demand no permanent development on protected areas, and the new ideals of utilising existing infrastructure are contrary to this proposal.
Another point is Brisbane has some of the lowest green space in the inner city. One of the lowest of the Australian capitals. Turning this into a stadium and car parking is abhorrent. Green space can't just be recreated. Once it's gone it's almost impossible to get back. It is also next to a hospital. The construction will have a huge impact on their operations and can you imagine the traffic chaos on game days? "Sorry you weren't able to make it to the hospital in time, the cricket was on."
I also can't even fathom the idea of destroying a culturally important, indigenous site for the Olympics. It's beyond offensive.
- 4) A temporary solution at the old QEII site would be a great idea. The temporary facilities at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games were amazing. Purpose built, used for 2 weeks, then dismantled and given to sporting clubs, schools, community groups. It was brilliant, and a great boost to the city without permanently sidling it with expensive facilities that are a financial drain on the state government or local council.
The opening and closing ceremony at a refurbished and expanded Suncorp Stadium would work great, while the track and field could be at QEII.
Other than the opening and closing ceremonies, the stadium is unlikely to need a huge capacity during the track and field events.
- 5) Utilising existing stadiums would be best, but if you have to build a giant white elephant

why not on top of the old Go Print site, directly next to the train station. Don't have to demolish the school then, you can build it while still using the existing Gabba, then demolish that when it's done.

Look, I get it. You want to show off to the world, but Brisbane is what it is, and some of our best points are things like Victoria Park. We don't need stadiums to impress people. We need our heritage listed parks, beautiful weather and friendly people.

Thank you for your time,
Aaron.

