

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

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[] Victoria Park / Barrambin is Brisbane's largest inner-city park. It spans over 64 hectares and is a rare green space for recreation, ecology, and cultural and Aboriginal heritage. [] The Victoria Park Master Plan was developed after almost four years of community consultation so the surprise announcement of Olympic venues in Victoria Park is a shocking betrayal of community trust. [] Building a stadium in Victoria Park / Barrambin is a blatant land grab by the Queensland Government who is using the Olympics as a means to allow developers to develop inner city prime real estate. [] This is in direct contradiction of the Olympic Host Contract, which mandates avoiding permanent structures in protected areas and prioritizing previously developed sites. [] Loss of Essential Green Space: As Brisbane's largest inner-city park, Victoria Park provides vital green space for a growing city. [] The master plan developed for park was going to highlight and celebrate the cultural significance of the park. Victoria Park holds deep cultural importance for First Nations communities. Development risks disturbing sacred sites and erasing historical significance. The Bill proposes to list a Stadium in Victoria Park as an 'authority venue' for the 2032 Olympics. The Bill would exempt construction of such Olympics venues and villages from 15 Queensland planning, environmental and heritage laws. The Bill would also remove any access to the Courts in relation to the construction of Olympics venues or villages. It would also override First Nations cultural heritage protections using a new process which railroads First Nations into a default plan if they don't agree in the timeline specified by the Bill. The central intent of this bill is to silence Queenslanders and to remove the usual checks and balances, under the guise of 'efficiency'. The venues and 'villages' to be built will be multi-billion dollar investments on public land. The funding of these are likely to be offset by 'deals' with developers. I couldn't think of a project that needs more transparency and governance to avoid corruption. I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommend that: 1. Victoria Park / Barrambin be removed from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues); 2. The cultural heritage override provisions be withdrawn; 3. Olympic developments be subject to existing Queensland laws like all other developments; 4. The Victoria Park Master Plan be upheld as a reflection of the community's vision for the park.