

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

Submission No:	348
Submitted by:	Vicki Salisbury
Publication:	Making the submission and your name public
Attachments:	
Submitter Comments:	

From: [REDACTED]
To: [State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee](#)
Subject: Do not ignore Planning and environmental laws
Date: Monday, 19 May 2025 6:26:43 AM

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.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Olympic-related Bill introduced on 1st May 2025 by Jarrod Bleijie, which seeks to amend 15 key planning and environmental laws, including the Planning Act, Environmental Protection Act, Queensland Heritage Act, and Nature Conservation Act.

While I understand the time pressures associated with preparing facilities for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, I believe that urgency must never override democratic process, transparency, or community inclusion.

Of particular concern are proposed clauses that:

Remove the requirement for a social impact assessment; and
Remove the requirement for a community benefit agreement.
These changes risk silencing community voices and ignoring the wide-ranging consequences of development decisions. Social impacts extend far beyond immediate infrastructure—they encompass the physical and mental wellbeing of residents, the protection of our local economies, heritage values, and the integrity of our environment.

The proposed increase in powers for the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority, without robust checks and balances, signals a troubling shift away from public accountability.

As a resident and active member of the community—particularly concerned about the potential impacts on the Birkdale Community Precinct and broader South East Queensland region—I urge you to oppose any legislative changes that weaken environmental protection, heritage safeguards, or community consultation processes.

Democracy is not a mere formality. It is the practice of accountability, transparency, and inclusion. Queenslanders must not be excluded from decisions that will shape our landscapes and lives for generations to come.

I request that you represent our community's concerns in Parliament and ensure that this Bill receives thorough scrutiny, debate, and genuine public consultation. I would also appreciate being informed of any upcoming opportunities to make a formal submission or attend a public hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

I acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional Custodians of the land where I live and work, the Quandamooka people.