

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

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The proposed Bill opens a gate and creates a precedence for undemocratic practices. The Bill would remove any access to the Courts in relation to Victoria Park. Removing access to the Courts thus depriving people of their rights is common practice in non-democratic countries as a tool to create a ruling political group. It is horrifying to see this practice emerging in Australia. The fact that the politicians were involved in mislead their voters by promising no stadium in Victoria Park and then removing even the access to the Court is a blatant ignorance and corruption of democratic values, processes. Potentially, it may open a gate for future corruption. The Bill would exempt the construction of such Olympics venues and villages from 15 Queensland planning, environmental and heritage laws. Why do we have laws at all in Australia if they can be ignored at a whim? The possibility of private development in the area has never been excluded. The first published map indicated private developments, and now, it is public knowledge as it appeared in the news. The Bill would also exempt any potential future private developments from the listed laws. It would also override the existing First Nations cultural heritage laws. I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommends that: 1. Australia's democratic values, intentions and processes be upheld. Legislation should not be a tool to override them. 2. Victoria Park / Barrambin be removed from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues); 3. The cultural heritage override provisions be withdrawn; 4. Olympic developments be subject to existing Queensland laws like all other developments; 5. The Victoria Park Master Plan be upheld as a reflection of the community's vision for the park.