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

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## **Submitter Comments:**

I am writing to oppose the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025. My concern is that the bill proposes that projects associated with the 2032 Brisbane Olympics be exempted from core environmental and planning laws. Koalas are a symbol of Australian wildlife and are currently listed as endangered under both the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld). The relaxation of environmental standards will have a negative impact on koalas in many ways including a drastic loss of habitat impacting established home areas and travel of koalas through existing safe corridors. Catastrophic decline in koala populations in Queensland over the past two decades are an embarrassment to our state. There is no valid excuse for this I urge you to reconsider your plans.

Urgent action is necessary to protect our local wildlife before it is too late. Do not pass this bill.Thank you