

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Victoria Park is an important green space, close to the city. I was there on Sunday last, enjoying its beauty. It is a place that I love and visit, often. I was sad and angry when the announcement was made, that Olympic facilities were to be built on this lovely park. There are many, better places for such development to occur. Besides my concern for the loss of this park in its current state and the cultural impacts that such a development would have for our First Nations people, for whom this park holds great cultural significance, there are practical considerations, such as:

1. Proximity to The Royal Brisbane and Woman's Hospital and the STARS facility. The traffic congestion in this area is already problematic and urgent access to the health facilities is required at all times. I went last night to a music venue in South Brisbane and was stuck in traffic for ages, with none of the usual parking available, due to games at the Wollongabba field. If this problem is replicated, as it will be with development at Victoria Park, access to local hospitals will be significantly impeded. Whilst it may be possible to make arrangements for ambulances to get through to the hospitals, many of the people requiring urgent care do not go by ambulance; they travel by car. There will be serious health implications for some people suffering access delays.
2. Olympic residential Village on the Exhibition ground. - This will bring a large residential population into the area, further impacting traffic congestion.
3. Lack of rail access. If I am correct, the closest railway station will still be that of Bowen Hills. The Olympic development needs to be close to a form of transport that is not using the roads to transport people.
4. Over-riding of legislation and regulation.. I am horrified that these developments are not going to be subject to the usual planning and review processes that occur, especially as this is a large and critical piece of city infrastructure. It is in such review, that the problems emerge, consultation occurs etc. Laws and regulations do not exist without purpose. It should not be possible for our government to over-ride these processes. If it can happen once, it can happen again, and I feel that this will be the beginning of the undermining of existing, beneficial regulation.

I respectfully request that this development not go ahead as proposed and that it be moved to a more appropriate venue. I also request that any development be subject to the existing legislative and regulative processes ie. that these laws/regulations/statutes are NOT over-ridden for any purpose.