

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

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I strongly object to your proposed 'Planning (Social Impact & Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025'. I urge you to:

Ensure that all Olympic developments remain subject to existing Queensland laws, like all other developments.

1. Ensure that all laws pertaining to Environment Protection, Conservation, and Cultural Heritage Protection in particular are applied to Olympic developments and that the community's democratic right to participate in development application decision-making is protected and preserved.
2. Remove the proposed Redlands Whitewater Centre from the 2032 Olympic Venue Plan in favour of using the existing Penrith Whitewater Stadium in NSW, for the people of the Redlands do not want it, and never have.
3. Ensure that the legislation places no higher burden of justification on renewables projects than other projects of similar scale, recognising the potential seriousness of consequences of impeding them.

In particular, the proposed changes to renewable energy developments, to slow the uptake of solar, wind and pumped hydro, shows again that the LNP is in climate denial, and fails to accept the urgency of the need to act on global heating. This means that the devastating consequences of more extreme weather events will be passed on again to the people, the tax payers. The latest extreme weather event is the extensive flooding and cost caused by cyclone Alfred. Furthermore, if this cyclone had hit Brisbane as a category 2 cyclone, the damage to housing and infrastructure, let alone people, would have been far more extensive. It should have been the final warning to government for need to accelerate the clean energy transition, not slow it down. WE DODGED A BULLET.