

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed location for the Olympic stadium 2032 and First Nation's Cultural Heritage, Barrambin/Victoria Park, Brisbane

The First Nations Advisory Committee and Cultural Reference Panel (FNAC) are writing to express our concerns about the proposed development of an Olympic Stadium in Barrambin/Victoria Park, Brisbane.

FNAC are a national committee of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) and are a representative body of Indigenous and non-Indigenous architects and designers from across Australia. FNAC advocate and educate our profession and the broader community for respect, recognition and inclusion of Country and Culture in the built environment in alignment with the requirements of current Commonwealth and State heritage and planning statutory acts.

Barrambin/Victoria Park is listed under the Queensland Department of Environment and Science Heritage Register (no.602493), protected by the Queensland Heritage Act 1992. It's listing in the register includes its association with First Nations cultural and social heritage in the precolonial and colonial period. The significance of Barrambin/Victoria Park as a place for First Nations peoples and in the history of Queensland is well documented through reports, book chapters and articles by a range of researchers and scholarsⁱ (see selected reference list at the end of this letter).

Barrambin/Victoria Park Master Plan was undertaken by Brisbane City Council between 2020 and 2024. The Master Plan reflects four years of community and Traditional Owner consultation; the proposed Bill's sudden override for the development of the 2032 Olympic Stadium betrays the intent of the Master Plan, the democratic process, and disrespects local governance.

Under the Olympic Host Contract obligations, permanent structures in protected open spaces are expressly prohibited; the proposed Olympic stadium and associated infrastructure works would contravene both its letter and spirit.

On behalf of the architecture profession, and our commitment to upholding Cultural protocol in respect to Country, we urge the Committee, in its report to Parliament, to:

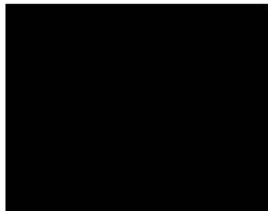
- Remove Barrambin/Victoria Park from Schedule 1 ("Authority Venues") of the Bill.
- Withdraw all "heritage override" and expedited approval provisions, restoring existing rights of appeal and judicial review.
- Uphold the Victoria Park Master Plan as the sole framework for any future use or development.
- Ensure Olympic infrastructure proposals are subject to the same state and local laws as all other Queensland projects.

The Institute and FNAC urge the Queensland Government to respect, recognise, protect and celebrate this heritage in any current and future uses and development of Barrambin/Victoria Park. The Institute and FNAC do not support the proposal for the current development of an Olympic Stadium in Barrambin/Victoria Park as we believe the scale of the development and its associated infrastructure works will permanently and irreparably damage the site, Country, culture and therefore its existing heritage value for future generations.

Yours Sincerely

First Nations Advisory Committee

Co-Chair Bradley Kerr (Quandamooka)



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