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Victoria park/Barrambin is of vital importance to the people of Brisbane. It is a beautiful green space that enriches the lives of so many people on an hourly basis. As a resident of Kelvin Grove I see the many people using the park for so many reasons. The health benefits both physically and psychologically of having such a beautiful natural landscape to enjoy are considerable. Brisbane residents enjoy walks and runs in the park, by themselves, with groups of friends or their dogs. Many people also make great use of the green space to sit and enjoy picnics and barbecues on a daily basis, using the space to socialise and take some relief from their stressful daily lives to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment, Victoria park is a beautiful natural haven amidst the often overbearing concrete and built up areas surrounding it. The quality of life of so many people is incredibly improved by Victoria park and destroying the natural landscape would be wrong on so many levels. The rich history and cultural significance of the land would make bruising the Olympic venues in its place a disgusting act. It also makes no logical sense to build in this location as Victoria park has no amenities surrounding it like restaurants and other exciting venues that would make it a logical choice. It would make far more sense to build the Olympic venues where Toombul shopping centre once stood. Post the floods the land has been flattened and is a large enough space and also far less hilly than Victoria park so would cost less money to do excavations and Toombul is close by Nundah and clayfield shopping zones. The extensive excavations that would be required at Victoria park would be incredibly difficult and would cost more and take more time no doubt. Also the noise that the work would make at Victoria park would be disruptive to the nearby hospital and patients. There is no good station option near Victoria park, another reason why building it there would make no logical sense when a train line does not run to it. The traffic congestion around Victoria park is already terrible on all sides of the park, the chaos of getting in and out of the proposed venues there would be a nightmare for anyone needing to enter or the leave the proposed Olympic venues. It would be a disgrace to destroy the natural landscape of Victoria park, especially after it was converted from a golf course to a pure park no very long ago. All of the money there was clearly invested in turning it into a beautiful natural landscape for all will have been completely wasted. It is disgraceful to think all the money invested in creating a beautiful and meaningful place for the people of Brisbane will just be destroyed because another better location was not chosen. You will be hacking down beautiful trees that have stood for hundreds of years and massively disrupting wildlife by cutting down their homes. If you wish to choose the worst possible location for an Olympic venue, massively negatively impact the lives of Brisbane residents and needlessly cut down more trees when so many have already been hacked down around the CBD, then Victoria park is a great location. If the quality of life of the people of Brisbane is the last consideration and all other considerations are lots important than build the Olympic venues at Victoria park.