

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

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As a placemaking researcher at QUT Kelvin Grove, I have had the pleasure of engaging with community members who live, work, and play in and around Victoria Park, and am deeply familiar with its rich history, from oral histories transmitted from Turrbal residents before colonial settlement, to published history spanning from 1844 to the present day. It is hard to overstate Victoria Park/Barrambin's foundational importance to Brisbane as a city, on environmental, cultural, social, and historical levels. Since 1844, it has been the site of a rifle range, an acclimatisation society, and a golf course. It is only recently that the City Council has made efforts to resurface both Victoria Park's natural history and its roots as a First Nations (Turrbal) community gathering space. The Queensland government's plans for a stadium are far larger and more destructive than any past developments, and will irreversibly damage any efforts at rehabilitating those historical and cultural connections. Demolishing in Victoria Park to make way for a stadium is tantamount to bulldozing centuries of rich cultural and communal entanglements, in service of homogenising federal and globalist interests. It is destroying an essential part of what and who this city is. This is not tenable.