

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I was very pleased when Victoria park/Barrambin became a park available to all the public after four years of community consultation after being a golf course mainly accessible to golfers. It is so important to city dwellers' mental and physical health to have access to areas of green space and to preserve the ecology of this area for all to share. I have since learned about the cultural heritage of the park, and its cultural and historical significance to Aboriginal peoples. Thus, I was terribly shocked and disappointed when the government ignored, even betrayed, all of this consultation, heritage and recreation value to announce a stadium in the park we had only recently been 'gifted'. Aside from the loss of this significant green space, which provides innumerable benefits to the public, city and environment, a stadium in this space does not make sense as the cost and disruption to nearby hospitals will be enormous considering the hilly terrain and hard Brisbane tuff beneath it. This will also add to the already significant traffic congestion in that area further adversely affecting emergency services. In addition, this construction is a violation of Olympic Host Requirements, ie. constructing a stadium here would breach the Olympic Host Contract, which mandates avoiding permanent structures in protected areas and prioritizing previously developed sites. This Bill is supremely undemocratic as it removes public safeguards by effectively exempting Olympic venues and villages from laws that apply to ordinary Queenslanders. This includes the Planning Act, Heritage Act, and Environmental Protection Act. Access to the Courts is a basic right of all Queenslanders. The Bill proposes to remove this right with sweeping provisions in relation to Olympics venues and villages. The Bill introduces a fast-tracked cultural heritage scheme that limits consultation and allows default plans without the agreement of Traditional Owners. The potential use of public parkland for commercial Olympic 'villages' risks corruption. These exemptions from planning laws and court review bypass scrutiny and reduce transparency when privatising very valuable public assets. Therefore, I am asking the committee to • Remove Victoria Park/Barrambin from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues) • Withdraw provisions that override cultural heritage • Make sure that Olympic developments be subject to existing Queensland laws like all other developments • Uphold the Victoria Park Master Plan and the community's vision for the park.