

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

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There are many viable options for Olympic sporting venues and cricket/football venues. Victoria Park is not one of them. In addition, Victoria Park is Brisbane's central great park, of immense value as such now and more so going into the future. The proposed stadium(s) and associated developments would represent virtual total destruction of the Victoria Park's amenity and environmental values and alienate the majority of the park from public access. The proposed stadium(s) would create serious visual impacts for views into the parkland and from adjacent to the site and from surrounding streets (and no study of visual impacts has been published). The financial case for utilizing the parkland (not available for public scrutiny as far as I'm aware) may be predicated on the basis that the parkland is available at no cost ie it is valueless. The project would involve massive earthworks extending far beyond the actual areas of the stadium(s). The topography is such that major cut/fill works and retaining structures would be essential. This impact would be increased by areas utilized for haul roads and ancillary purposes. It appears there may have been only very superficial study (if any) of the proposal's viability from an engineering perspective and any costing that has been done would be seriously flawed if that is the case. The project would result in removal of many valuable mature trees and vegetation. A detailed Environmental Impact Statement and detailed costing are essential prior to any commitment to this proposal. This would also require impartial detailed assessment of and comparison with the costs of utilizing existing sporting venues and sites (as was the original commitment given for winning the Olympics). The legacy of improving public transport to other venues would far exceed any legacy value of a massive central stadium. The project would impact negatively on valuable indigenous cultural items and aspects. It appears that there has been