

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

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My concerns Victoria Park is very special to our family. We visit often to exercise and walk our dog. Our family picnic in the awesomely appointed grounds. Other more broad concerns. The Bill 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. What I Am Asking the Committee to Do- I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommend that: 1. Victoria Park / Barrambin be removed from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues); 2. The cultural heritage override provisions be withdrawn; 3. Olympic developments be subject to existing Queensland laws like all other developments; 4. The Victoria Park Master Plan be upheld as a reflection of the community's vision for the park.