

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

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I strongly object to your proposed 'Planning (Social Impact & Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025'. I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommend that:

- Ensure that all Olympic developments remain subject to existing Queensland laws, like all other developments.
- Ensure that all laws pertaining to Environment Protection, Conservation, and Cultural Heritage Protection in particular are applied to Olympic developments.
- Ensure that the community's democratic right to participate in development application decision making is protected and preserved.
- Victoria Park / Barrambin be removed from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues)
- Consider the violation of Olympic Host Requirements: Constructing a stadium in Victoria Park/Barrambin would breach the Olympic Host Contract, which mandates avoiding permanent structures in protected areas and prioritizing previously developed sites.
- Remove the proposed Redlands Whitewater Centre from the 2032 Olympic Venue Plan in favour of using the existing Penrith Whitewater Stadium in NSW.

While the bill introduces stricter social impact scrutiny for renewable energy, it reduces oversight for state-sanctioned infrastructure. This contradiction sends a clear message: environmental laws will be enforced selectively, not uniformly, and undermines public confidence in planning integrity. Koalas are a symbol of Australian wildlife, recognised worldwide. They are currently listed as endangered under both the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld). The amendments proposed in this bill run contrary to those responsibilities and will push them further toward extinction. Fundamental conservation safeguards must not be bypassed for political expediency. It is critical that this bill is not passed, and that the integrity of environmental laws are upheld, including full environmental scrutiny for Olympic-related and state-prioritised projects.