

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

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The main point of my submission is to advocate for the retention of the existing laws that protect parklands and other environmental amenities in Brisbane. If laws are modified it should be to strengthen, not weaken as currently proposed, environmental regulations to safeguard the environment from development. I am especially concerned at the possible impact on Victoria Park Barrambin. I love riding my bicycle through this park on my way to work, and seeing people enjoying the escape from the built environment in the space so close to the city. Greenspace is precious to any city, including Brisbane, and once it has gone it will never return. It should not be made easier to destroy natural and green space environments, such as parks and waterways. Laws should not let development, including and especially the proposed sports stadiums, continue to eat into Victoria Park Barrambin's footprint. There are other options to service the Olympics by upgrading existing sports facilities that will add more value to our community in the long run without destroying green space that can't be replaced. I'm sure there will be many submissions that outline the wellbeing provided by green space, as well I expect there will be many submissions outlining the issues with allowing stadiums to be built on Victoria Park Barrambin, and so I will not repeat them here, but refer the reader to those submissions. Since its inception this park, and many other Green spaces have been encroached by the development of the built environment. The foresight of those planners who first designated the Victoria Park Barrambin site as public park lands has been betrayed many times in the past, and I encourage current law makers to not make that same mistake again, but to show similar foresight as the original planners and pass laws that better protect our environmental heritage rather than allow to be destroyed.