

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

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Why does the LNP Brisbane City Council and the Liberal National Party state government want to build on beautiful and high park land overlooking the City of Brisbane? What interests are served by such a determined action that probably goes back years when the Lord Mayor said he wanted to close down the popular golf course at Victoria Park and create a Central Park, only to change his mind and say he wants a stadium? Why have the powers that be at RBWH (hospital) nearby been so quiet, less than vocal of any reasonable hearing measure on free to air television or, in tabloids, when the traffic and noise impact from a nearby stadium would be so detrimental to patients? What's going on? Herston has been the Cinderella of inner Brisbane for too long; Council ward lines were redrawn to remove it from more prestigious suburbs like New Farm, Teneriffe and so on; necessary safety is continually ignored by the Lord Mayor and his obedient councillor head noddors despite constant requests to his office and his lessers that could improve the health and safety of citizens living in or passing through Herston: no reduction in the speed limit to 40km/h on Butterfield Street at the Enoggera Creek Bikeway exit (one LNP staffer writing statistics don't support a speed reduction) despite the fact 1000s use the bikeway weekly and cross busy Butterfield Street that doesn't even have a crossing at the bikeway exit (another thing refused); even the Brisbane Women's Hockey Association could have no influence when pointing out children under 10 play hockey at Rasey Park and many cross the street with their parents. And let us consider Rasey Park itself: down the hill from Victoria Park, flood ravaged twice in three years, and neither Council or State Government give flooding mitigation a priority there, they want to push fully blinkered ahead with stadiums up the hill at Victoria Park. They need to get their priorities in order; rebuild the Gabba where there is excellent transport and let cricket and AFL football be played elsewhere in the process. Victoria Park, Camp Victoria Park when US and Australians were based there during the war, should be protected. And Rasey Park needs to be cleared of flood ravaged houses and expanded also. Brisbane needs parkland. Circus coliseums can go anywhere.