

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

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I oppose the new Crisafulli Government amending 15 existing planning laws in Queensland just to push through an Olympic venue, when the community already has said they don't want this as an option (after 4 years of consultation) and where there is an existing community identified vision for the site in a Master Plan. The fact the Qld Government are having to do so many amendments across legislation is a red flag. The planning laws exist for a reason - providing checks and balances against this type of railroading behaviour by one level of government. This is shortsighted decision by a new Government wanting to bulldoze their will and stamp their name on this 2032 Olympic stadium. It also breaches the Olympic Host Contract that mandates action to avoid placing permanent structures in protected areas and ensure prioritisation of previously developed sites. I both live and work in the surrounding area and this would be a disaster for the area on many levels including traffic, locality to a major tertiary hospital, lack of local amenity (& inability to expand this due to logistics (so the surrounding area would have more green space removed for this purpose). The area can't cope with local community hockey/netball/soccer weekend activities in nearby Downey park now. We are very lucky to have this gorgeous piece of land within the inner city. Its environmental significance needs to be protected. It was only handed back over to the community, not too long ago, to enjoy as green space for everyone. Compared to open green space, stadiums create inequities between people as they can only really be enjoyed by those who can afford the tickets. Barrambim/Victoria Park is an important land of cultural significance for our First Nations peoples. But also has a history relating to WWII. It is also a home and pocket of protection for many of our native wildlife. Their habitat will be destroyed and they really have nowhere else to go in the urban jungle of inner city Brisbane. For climate change and urban heat mitigation, it is important to preserve as much existing green space as possible. This is just such a shortsighted and poorly executed decision, with significant long term impacts for the community. 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.