

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

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I urge that planning, heritage and environmental protections should not be removed to allow the development of Victoria park for the Olympics. First and foremost it is a dangerous legal precedent to override protections and is not justified (there are other good options, it is not a state crisis.) Allowing existing law to be overridden will encourage future elected governments to 'fail' to act until they can push through their preferred solution rather than act in good faith for the people of Queensland. Secondly, the people of Queensland are meant to benefit from the developments of the Olympics by acquiring new amenity - and destroying existing amenity in the process is certainly NOT necessary or a net benefit in this case: the cultural, social, environmental and psychological benefits of retaining the park (as recognised in the master plan) are very high. Inner city Green space cannot be recovered elsewhere and the cultural significance is being ignored because those in government only pay lip service to First People's issues when it is convenient. Finally, there are other excellent options for the development that would leave Brisbane improved and cause much less disruption in the construction.