

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

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I lived in Brisbane for the first 54 years of my life. Now, as a visitor from the Sunshine Coast where I have resided for the past 25 years, I treasure the way Brisbane has evolved as a welcoming, interesting, green, vibrant City with its own unique culture. It's a magnificent example of how good planning can guide and allow communities to grow and thrive. I still feel a strong level of ownership. I was devastated to hear this unique, culturally precious place which embraces the entire history of this place, and forms a crucial part of the 'Lungs of Brisbane' is to be destroyed in the pursuit of status and short term gain for a few. Across South East Queensland, the thrust towards preparing for the Olympics is taking our identity, our history, and the potential for our future. The State Government is proposing to override 15 Queensland laws to clear the path for their Olympic developments - including the TWO proposed stadiums in Victoria Park. These are serious laws like the Planning Act, Environmental Protection Act, Queensland Heritage Act and more:

(a) the City of Brisbane Act 2010; (b) the Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995; (c) the Economic Development Act 2012; (d) the Environmental Offsets Act 2014; (e) the Environmental Protection Act 1994; (f) the Fisheries Act 1994; (g) the Integrated Resort Development Act 1987; (h) the Local Government Act 2009; (i) the Nature Conservation Act 1992; (j) the Planning Act 2016; (k) the Queensland Heritage Act 1992; (l) the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014; (m) the South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009; (n) the Vegetation Management Act 1999; (o) the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008. These laws exist for a reason. They are there to protect Brisbane's unique history, to safeguard irreplaceable parts of our environment and heritage against short-sighted decision making. To dismantle them, in order to ram through two massive, poorly-conceived stadium developments that will forever change the face of Victoria Park Barrambin, should raise a red flag to all those who value our precious green spaces, our laws and democratic process. I implore you to not allow this devastating process. Thank you.