

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

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To the Qld Parliament Committee - I ask this question - Will our Qld koalas survive the 2032 Olympics? The recent Bill introduced to Qld Parliament this month for Olympic development to have "an expedited pathway by removing the requirements for compliance with relevant Acts is abhorrent. This Bill would mean that 15 planning laws don't apply, including Environmental Protection, Environmental Offsets, Nature Conservation, Vegetation Management, Heritage, Planning. These laws were made for a reason - they protect our community and natural assets both now and into the future. Yes the future. Your children's children and their children. I live in the Redlands and don't believe the whitewater stadium should be built. This area is a 'Koala Priority Area', on land that is mapped as 'Koala Habitat Restoration' and surrounded by 'Core Koala Habitat'.

I ask - . How will koalas move through their home ranges? Will they be prevented from accessing part of the precinct? Will this increase the distance travelled, exertion, stress, required nutrient intake and likelihood of territorial incidents? Will they be able to access most of the precinct? How will they be protected from the increased human hazards including traffic, people and dogs (which were depicted in the concept plans). Can it be guaranteed that they won't be able to perish in the bodies of water? I doubt it. If this goes ahead it's a disgrace to our country. This Bill cannot go ahead. It just can't.