

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Submission to Parliament: Opposing the Overriding of State Laws for the Victoria Park Olympic Stadium  
To the Honourable Members of the Queensland Parliament, I am writing as a concerned Queensland resident to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that would override 15 state planning, environmental, and heritage laws to facilitate the construction of a 63,000-seat Olympic stadium at Victoria Park/Barrambin.

**Preserving Our Heritage and Environment**  
Victoria Park, also known by its Turrbal name Barrambin, is a heritage-listed site with profound cultural, historical, and environmental significance. It has been a traditional meeting place for First Nations communities and serves as a vital green space in our rapidly urbanizing city. The proposed development threatens to irreversibly damage this cherished landscape.

**Undermining Democratic Processes**  
The introduction of legislation to exempt Olympic venues from existing planning laws sets a dangerous precedent. It effectively removes community input and oversight from decisions that have long-term impacts on our environment and heritage. Such actions erode public trust and diminish the role of democratic engagement in urban development.

**Legal and Financial Concerns**  
The advocacy group Save Victoria Park has initiated legal action against the proposed development, highlighting potential violations of heritage protections and environmental regulations. Additionally, the financial implications of constructing a new stadium, estimated to exceed \$5 billion when including associated transport infrastructure, raise serious concerns about fiscal responsibility and the allocation of public funds.

**Alternative Solutions**  
Given the existing infrastructure and alternative sites available, it is imperative to consider options that do not compromise our city's green spaces and heritage sites. Upgrading current facilities or selecting less sensitive locations for Olympic venues would demonstrate a commitment to sustainable and community-conscious development.

**Conclusion**  
I urge the Parliament to reconsider the proposed legislation and to prioritize the preservation of Victoria Park/Barrambin. Let us honor our heritage, protect our environment, and uphold democratic principles by seeking alternative solutions that align with the values and needs of our community.

Respectfully, Renay Wells