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**Submission to the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee**

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

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Please do not allow the scrapping of the 15 protection laws of Victoria Park.

The residents that live in dense housing use this space for relaxation and recreation. Especially if you want to encourage high density living and to help minimise urban sprawl, we need these green spaces. This little green patch is the lungs of the city. It is vital for our mental health without the need to drive miles out.

Yorks Hollow and the mature trees are a sanctuary to many bird species. This place is not only sacred but home to many animals.

I have heard people say that Victoria Park is underutilised and use this as the argument to support the stadium to be built in Victoria Park. At the outset this may seem so. I believe this idea is not a fair call. The park seems currently under utilised because many people still think that Victoria Park is an operating Golf Course and hence not for public use. I have been living in the inner city most of my life and I thought this was the case. It was only at a playdate with my children's parents a year ago that I discovered this magical place.

When I heard plans for Victoria Park to be made into a recreational parkland, I was overjoyed. I had voted for Liberal party candidate Mr David Crisafulli when he promised that the stadium would not be built in Victoria Park. When he backflipped on his election promise, I and many others were very disappointed.

To very quietly slip this Bill to override these 15 protection laws into parliament days before the election is a really low act. This is against what we stand for in a democratic society and sets a precedence for further deterioration of trust for our government.

The Olympic games were meant to bring positive developmental gains to our city. However I feel in the rush of short sightedness, our city will end up being lessor and county more in debt. Development on the Olympic stadium and the Athletic village will make inner city living even more unaffordable and add to the cost of living crisis.

The unencumbered land value of surrounding properties have already skyrocketed, almost 50% in the latest Land Valuations notice. This will see a rise in rates and landlords will have to charge higher rents. You can just imagine what is to come of the financial stress

this will bring about to small business owners, renters etc.

Please consider building better infracture out in areas that need it most and make better sustainable choices for the liveability of Brisbane city. The Stadium and Athletes Village would be better placed at the Northshore Hamilton precinct.

I am an inner city resident, small business owner and local investor. Even though I am set to gain financially from the building of the Olympic Stadium built in Victoria Park, I would rather not have the Olympic development in the inner city precinct.

The short term benefits of hosting the Olympics in the inner city do not outweigh the long term disadvantages e.g. traffic congestion in the lead up to the Olympics especially, increased rents, loss of green space, foreseeable cost blow out from building of difficult terrain and bedrock (Victoria Park).

I speak for the future generations. Please protect Victoria Park.

Regards  
Denise Stella