

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

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Dear Committee

I am writing to object to the changes proposed in the new Planning Social Impact and Community Benefit and Other Legislative Bill for the following reasons.

The Olympics is an enormous opportunity for Queensland to be a showcase to the rest of the world. Hopefully with the promotion and greater exposure will come the benefits of increased economic awareness of our region.

To be the outstanding “showcase” that is required to encourage investment and increased visitations I understand the need to ensure necessary infrastructure is delivered in an efficient and timely manner for 2032.

This delivery and future benefits should not however come at the cost of existing economic, social, cultural, heritage and environmental values and opportunities.

Constraints, Laws, Acts, Regulations etc have been legislated over the years to ensure accountability, transparency and best community outcomes. To reduce controls for the benefit of haste, especially with delivery of infrastructure, is fraught with the danger of many concerns and challenges including anxiety within our community.

My first concern is the diminished trust of our community. I believe the community will not accept there are rules for all to abide by with development except when the State Gov. decides they can over ride the rules and constraints for their purposes. The very constraints that are proposed to be overridden are there to ensure protection of community values and achieve accountable outcomes. Without constraints in our planning and delivery of infrastructure there are reduced safe guards which I do not accept and do not believe the community will see as “fair”.

On some proposed Olympic Venue or infrastructure sites, such as the Birkdale Lands in Redlands, there are values that the community wish to see protected. The Birkdale Lands has high conservation values, internationally significant heritage values and regionally significant cultural values.

There is no protection for these existing values in the Birkdale Community Precinct Masterplan there is only the Planning Act, Environmental Protection Act, Queensland Heritage Act and our local Councils City Plan, all of which this Bill seeks to be able to over ride.

These existing values offer an amazing legacy for future generations already and I cannot see any assurance for our community that these existing values would have any protection if the Bill was adopted.

The Olympics and all the future legacies for future generations that we are promised will be delivered is wonderful, but should not be at the possible expense of losing existing wonderful local legacies for our children.

In closing, I trust going forward the infrastructure required for the Olympics will be delivered with community sentiments valued and included in decision making and that

there will be transparency and accountability in the delivery process. That the delivery will be efficient within existing Planning and other Acts .

“Integrity is the essence of everything successful.” Quote Richard Buckminster Fuller

Warm regards

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