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Victoria Park / Barrambin is Brisbane's largest inner-city park. It spans over 64 hectares and is a rare green space for recreation, ecology, and cultural heritage. The site is deeply significant to Aboriginal peoples, and it also holds immense value for Brisbane's broader community.

The Victoria Park Master Plan was developed after almost four years of community consultation so the surprise announcement of Olympic venues in Victoria Park is a shocking betrayal of community trust.

There are limited areas of green space left in our community and Barrambin is an integral one, part of which should not be destroyed to build a sporting stadium. Furthermore, the stadium is unnecessary given the option to renovate existing infrastructure.

Building a stadium in Victoria Park / Barrambin is impractical, environmentally damaging, and contrary to community interests. Please reconsider.

I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommends that:

1. Victoria Park / Barrambin be removed from Schedule 1 (Authority Venues);
2. The cultural heritage override provisions be withdrawn;
3. Olympic developments be subject to existing Queensland laws like all other developments;
4. The Victoria Park Master Plan be upheld as a reflection of the community's vision for the park.

Kind regards

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