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

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Dear sir/madam,

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We write to object to the proposed 'Planning (Social Impact & Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025'.

All developments for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics must remain subject to existing Queensland Planning laws, especially those pertaining to environment, conservation and cultural heritage protection. The community's democratic right to have a say in the development application process must remain, otherwise public confidence in planning integrity will be seriously undermined.

Of great concern is the bill proposal that projects associated with the 2032 Brisbane Olympics be exempted from core environmental and planning laws. It is not within the public interest to approve a bill that enables short-term gain at the cost of permanent environmental degradation and species loss. Allowing this bill to pass would signal the Queensland Government's unwillingness to protect our most vulnerable animals, especially koalas, and to exchange infrastructure for vanishing habitat. Once these habitats are lost, they cannot be replaced. Once koalas are extinct in the wild, no Olympic medal, no piece of infrastructure, no political achievement will be able to bring them back.

We urge the Queensland Parliament to act in the interest of future generations, biodiversity, moral decency and the very identity of our state. Please let us keep our little remaining natural environment. Please make sensible changes to this bill, for all our sakes.

Your sincerely Christopher and Kim Brincat