

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

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Dear SDIWC,

I most strongly oppose the 'Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill', as it is concerning in many ways, including:

The 15 laws being over-ridden were established to protect Queensland, Queenslanders, our natural and historical treasures and our quality of life. The laws are well-established with many being in place for decades. These laws include the Nature Conservation Act 1992, Environmental Protection Act 1994, Environmental offsets Act 2014, Queensland Heritage Act 1992, Planning Act 2016. A panicked decision to remove them is short-sighted and will likely result in cutting corners that are not in the best interests of Queenslanders in the long-term. If anything, some of these laws need strengthening, not removal.

The bill introduction happened to coincide with the Federal Election, when public and media attention were overwhelmingly focused on the election campaign and results. If not in intent, this gives a perception of quietly advancing legislation that might otherwise face more scrutiny.

Significant power for development decisions is being given to the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA) in lieu of the legislation. As the background of board members is heavily weighted with development, construction and related projects, how can we be sure that our koalas and other matters of state interest will receive fair and adequate consideration in the decision-making processes?

Similarly, the GIICA CEO role is currently only filled on a temporary basis. Surely Queenslanders should know who will be making decisions on our behalf before this bill is passed.

It is proposed that decisions cannot be challenged, appealed against or reviewed which weakens the legal rights of Queenslanders. If the decisions that will be made are reasonable this erosion of Queenslanders rights is a particular concern.

The proposed changes are significant, and the implications are potentially even more significant. Ensuring balanced decision-making that equally values ecological preservation is crucial for the long-term sustainability and legacy of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

To uphold the rights of individual Queenslanders and to value the non-human wealth of our state, the same laws that apply to all other Qld developments must apply to Olympic development.

Sincerely,

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