

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

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The Honourable Premier of Queensland
Queensland Government
1 William Street
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Subject: Objection to Changes in Environmental Legislation for Olympic Stadium Development in Victoria Park

Dear Premier,

I am writing to formally object to the Queensland Government's decision to alter or override 15 environmental laws in order to facilitate the construction of the Olympic stadium in Victoria Park ahead of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.

Victoria Park is one of Brisbane's last remaining significant inner-city green spaces, serving not only as a natural habitat for native flora and fauna, but also as a critical area for public recreation, mental wellbeing, and urban climate mitigation. The decision to sideline robust environmental protections in the name of short-term infrastructure goals undermines both public trust and the Government's stated commitment to sustainability and climate resilience. It sets a dangerous precedent—one that risks undermining decades of progress in environmental conservation.

Environmental laws are enacted to safeguard the delicate balance between urban expansion and natural preservation. Changing these laws to facilitate a single construction project disregards the broader ecological impact and long-term consequences, including deforestation, habitat destruction, and increased carbon emissions. Furthermore, it contradicts Queensland's commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible governance.

The consultation process has been insufficient. Many community members, Indigenous groups, and environmental experts feel excluded from meaningful participation in decisions that will have lasting impacts on Brisbane's environment and heritage. Any development of this scale and significance must be subject to thorough environmental

impact assessments, independent review, and genuine community engagement—not fast-tracked through legislative shortcuts.

The Olympic Games should be an opportunity to showcase innovation and sustainable development, not an excuse to erode environmental safeguards. I urge the government to reconsider these legislative changes and explore alternative solutions that align with ecological responsibility, such as repurposing existing infrastructure or choosing locations that do not require the weakening of environmental protections.

I respectfully request a transparent review of this decision, taking into account community concerns and environmental impact assessments. As a concerned citizen, I hope that the Queensland Government will prioritise the long-term well-being of our environment over temporary infrastructural gains.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Chan