

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

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Queensland environment, heritage and planning laws have been developed over time, in consultation and have been challenged legally - to do the right thing and protect what they each aim to cover. To rush through this draft law without proper consultation, sufficient time to consider, and no rights to challenge doesn't feel right, and if it doesn't feel right then it's not the right thing to do. The Cristafulli government deceived the Queensland population by saying they would protect Victoria Park. Victoria Park is deeply significant to Aboriginal peoples, and it also holds immense value for Brisbane's broader community; which I thought we actually cared about these days. We have moved on from times where we bulldozed and took what we wanted whenever we wanted this. This legislation has the feel to it of the Dean Brothers and Cloudlands - if you have enough power and enough money, you can come in and do whatever you want to do with a slap on the wrist. This is a significant cultural parcel of land, that the government have deemed they want, so they are using their position of power to get it. What this boils down to is - you are taking away something that cannot be replaced or brought back - all for a brief sports event which no-one will remember a few years on. Is it really worth it to break the trust of a state, to damage First Nations sacred sites, to cut down hundred-year old trees so we can maybe have Taylor Swift and a football match? It is going to need significantly more space around the development site to support machinery, equipment and various comings and goings; it is not just the footprint of the stadium (and whatever surrounding space the government deems they need) that will be taken; it will be much more and it will never be returned to what it is now. There are already unused stadiums and sites around Brisbane which could be renovated and refurbished, without having the devastating impact to the environment, to the First Nations people, to the residents and visitors to Brisbane. If you want a long-lasting stadium that will attract international acts, I'm sure people will travel the short distance to QSAC, without needing to destroy something beautiful. This too will significantly increase traffic congestion. While the area is being developed, there will be road closed and disruption to the usual traffic flows around the area. As someone who has had three children at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, and attended many appointments there, the surrounding streets are crucial for parking and getting to the hospital. There is a hospital so close to this area. Not to mention the disruption to people attending the hospital as visitors or because they require medical attention, the noise and light interruption will be horrendous to those trying to recover from significant illness in hospital. It is against the Olympic Host Requirements, it is against what the world believes - around destruction of land and protected native areas. Public Transport is not suitable for this area - there is no nearby train lines (that is a significant walk away to Bown Hills or Fortitude Valley stations), so buses will be required to further congest the roads. Important green space will be lost. The golf course was only just handed back as green space for families to enjoy a beautiful lush green area. There are trees on this site which are hundreds of years old. You simply cannot replace that. You cannot uproot them and replant them, and planting a brand new tree is not hundreds of years old. While the government claims the stadium itself will only take a small portion of the park - given the Cristafulli government said time and time again on their campaign trail, [REDACTED], they would not do this; the Cristafulli government is [REDACTED] that further significant portions of the park will not be required for a concourse area, parking, oh and yes we will need some restaurants or areas for food trucks because that is essential. Once they take additional land for the purpose of bringing in machinery and building the stadium, by default these areas will be taken by the government too for retail spaces. We are taking sacred Aboriginal land, so we can have a nice restaurant. I respectfully ask that your report to Parliament recommend 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.