

Hello,

I'm a resident of, and homeowner in, South Brisbane. I'm a huge sports fan and am delighted to welcome the Olympic and Paralympic Games to Brisbane in 2032.

I'm not, however, prepared to accept the long-term and likely permanent disruption to community life in the central suburbs of Kangaroo Point and Woolloongabba. I value Raymond Park in particular, for a number of reasons connected with Kangaroo Point Rovers Football Club, a fantastic community club that has formed many close bonds between people who've formed lifelong friendships and indeed family relationships.

As a South Brisbane resident, I know how scarce public green spaces are in these south-central suburbs, and with population pressures increasing as more and more high-rise residential developments are built, we need more, rather than fewer, public green spaces. I've heard it said that Raymond Park will be returned to its former state after the Games, but this smells of "Act first, seek forgiveness later". I hope I'm wrong, but I suspect that Raymond Park will be lost permanently as a community green space, and that its grand trees will be lost forever.

I do not have children, but I value schools as being a vital heartbeat of a community, without which young families leave. What will the area around East Brisbane State School become once it's bulldozed? An area full of students of pensioners, with barely a child in sight?

There are plenty of existing facilities which could be redeveloped at a far lower cost than the \$3 billion it'll cost to turn the Gabba stadium into an Olympic stadium. QPAC is one such excellent example.

I hope Brisbane will decide not to trade its heritage and its communities for the sake of a 6-week sporting event, and instead focus on upgrading existing dedicated athletics venues where negative community impact will be minimal.

Kind regards,

Frank Lopez.