

# New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

Location selected for the new facility following community and stakeholder feedback and technical analysis



The South Australian Government has committed \$82.4 million to take ownership, rebuild and operate the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre in the Adelaide City northern Park Lands at Pardipardinyilla / Denise Norton Park (Park 2).

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is responsible for the design and construction of this new fit-for-purpose centre, and is working together with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing who will operate the facility.

**Feedback was recently sought on the preferred location in Park 2 for the new centre. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views.**

**Following a review of the feedback received and other technical analysis commissioned by DIT, the South Australian Government has selected a site immediately south of the existing facility for the new Aquatic Centre. This is similar to the south-west corner site consulted on but with a minor amendment in that the location has been moved further north in response to feedback. Please read on for more information.**

## Who we heard from



## How we engaged

Community members were encouraged to share their feedback on the preferred location in Park 2 via a survey (online and paper based) or by digitally ‘pinning’ comments on an online map of Park 2. During this time there was also an opportunity to meet face-to-face with project team members at the pop-up booth at the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre or at one of the drop-in information sessions.

Community members were also invited to express their interest in joining a Community Reference Group (CRG). The purpose of this CRG was specifically to review and consider the feedback received during this engagement period and make recommendations on the preferred location based on this feedback.

## What we heard

### Summary of feedback from all respondents

- the south-west corner was the stronger preference with 55% of respondents preferring that location. 20% preferred the south-east corner, 15% preferred the north-east corner and 10% did not indicate a preference for any of the three locations
- key themes identified as important when considering the preferred location included:
  - minimising the impact to trees and vegetation removal
  - adequate car parking
  - retaining open space
  - improved access to public transport
  - retaining or replicating the existing sport fields and tennis courts
  - providing safe access to the new facility were a priority to all respondents.

### Summary of Community Reference Group review

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the CRG, 12 people, representing a range of key community interests including local residents, businesses, the Adelaide Parklands Association and other entities affiliated with the existing facility were selected to join the reference Group.

The CRG met in late July 2022 to review the feedback received. The Group discussed each of the three potential location, including their advantages and limitations.

Overall, it was determined by the CRG that:

- the south-west corner had strong support due to its potential connection to existing infrastructure
- the south-east corner had advantages and limitations but was seen as less favourable than the south-west corner
- the north-east corner was the least preferred.

A copy of the consultation summary report and CRG meeting minutes are available via the project website at [dit.sa.gov.au/aac](http://dit.sa.gov.au/aac)

## Selected location

The selected location for the new Aquatic Centre, immediately south of the existing centre, will allow the existing carpark to be utilised where possible and ensure the existing row of trees along Barton Terrace West is retained.

In recognising the importance of quality landscaping in the Park Lands, new trees will also be pre-ordered and grown off-site to enable planting of semi-mature trees in 2025. Tree species are yet to be identified, but will be confirmed as the detailed design progresses.

A commitment has also been made that the entry to the carpark will be via Jeffcott Road. There will be no vehicle entry to the facility from Barton Terrace West.

Delivering on the commitment of no net loss of Park Lands through the development of the new centre, the existing facility will be demolished and returned to Park Lands once the new facility is built.



Indicative only map of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre location. The exact location to be refined during the design phase.

## Next steps: design process

Now that the location has been selected, the planning and design process for the new facility will commence. This will include development of a concept plan for the new centre, as well as a masterplan for the western side of Park 2.

The masterplan will identify zones of land to be returned to Park Lands, as well as vehicle, pedestrian and cycling path connections to the new facility.

## Future opportunities to have your say

Community and stakeholder engagement will continue to play a key role in shaping this important piece of social infrastructure. This will include engaging with local residents to ensure a community sensitive design.

In the coming months we will be seeking your feedback to help inform the design of the new centre as well as the design of the land to be returned to Parklands.

You will again have an opportunity to share your views both on-line and face-to-face to ensure we can hear from as many people as possible.

## Key project milestones



## More information

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