

# New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

## Vegetation Fact Sheet



Government  
of South Australia



## October 2023

**We understand the importance of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre being sensitive to the Park Lands.**

### Protecting the Park Lands

Detailed ecological assessments and surveys were undertaken during the design process to evaluate and subsequently minimise the impact to the Park Lands.

- The design and positioning of the building has been carefully considered to respect the National Heritage Values and integrate into the Park Lands setting.
- We are returning 1000 sqm of Park Lands.
- The height of the new aquatic centre will be lower than the existing building structure. The existing roof height (at its highest point) is 19.5m. The new centre roof height will range from 6.5m to 12m. The top of the water slide tower will be 17m high.

### Tree and vegetation removal

Tree and vegetation removal will be required for the project, however the large majority of trees to be removed are non-native or trees that are in poor health.

We anticipate 7 significant and 15 regulated trees will require removal. This tree removal has been approved as part of the State Commission Assessment Panel assessment following a public notification period and public hearing.

Importantly, the significant and regulated trees along Barton Terrace West and Jeffcott Road will be retained.

All vegetation impacts are being managed and offset in accordance with legislative requirements and with the Departments Vegetation Impact Assessment Guideline.

The impact to trees will continue to be minimised wherever possible as part of the construction process.

## **Taking care during tree removal and construction**

Where impacts cannot be avoided, all care and consideration will be taken in the removal and handling of trees and vegetation.

Removal of vegetation will be carefully undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if fauna is found, they will be relocated by appropriately qualified professionals.

Where possible, large limbs and trunks that need to be removed will be retained for reuse. Often limbs are reused for habitat, landscaping, nature play and public artwork. We will work with key stakeholders to explore how they can best be reused.

Tree protection measures will also be implemented on site to ensure trees and vegetation being retained are not impacted during the construction period.

## **Revegetation strategy**

The associated planting strategy, being developed in consultation with City of Adelaide, is focused on increasing biodiversity, improving amenity and re-establishing tree canopy across Park 2.

This tree revegetation strategy creates the opportunity for the tree canopy coverage at Park 2 to ultimately be 300sqm larger than it is today.

To fast track this process, some of these trees are already being grown off-site at a local nursery. This will allow them to be between 3 to 4m high when planted in 2025.

More information about the revegetation strategy will be shared when available.

## **For more information about the project**

For more information about the project please:

- Visit: [dit.sa.gov.au/aac](https://dit.sa.gov.au/aac)
- Email: [DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au)
- Call 1300 794 880