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What happens when Adelaide people are given a real choice?

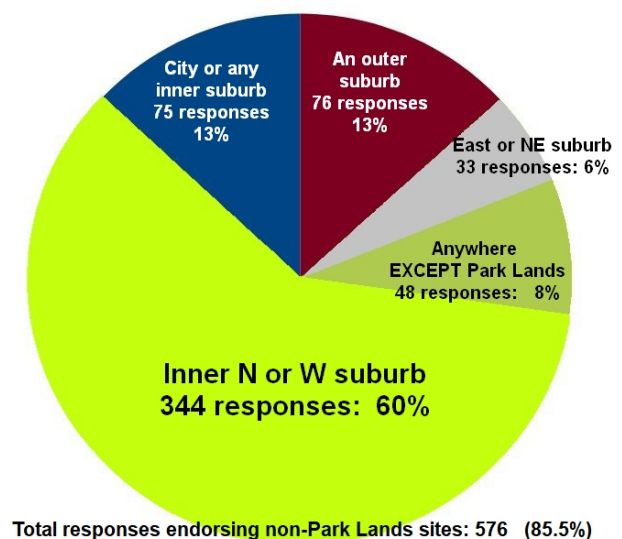
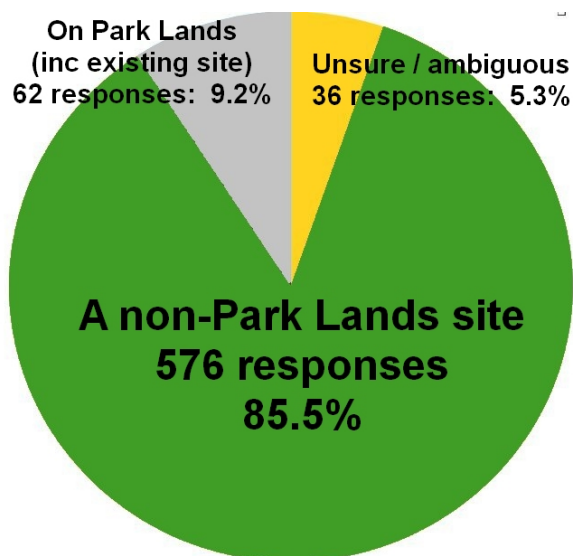
A survey of over 680 Adelaide people has found overwhelming support for siting the State Government's proposed new \$82 million Aquatic Centre on an inner-suburban brownfield site rather than on your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands.

During July, Government-appointed consultants tried to constrain public feedback by refusing to consider any site other than in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2).

However a rival open-ended survey, facilitated by the Adelaide Park Lands Association had 682 responses, with the vast majority (85.5%) recommending alternative options. The most popular response was to site the new Aquatic Centre on a brownfield site in an inner western, or north-western suburb, such as Thebarton, Hindmarsh, Bowden or Brompton.

The two most common reasons that respondents offered for recommending a site in one of these suburbs was the availability of public transport (i.e. tram or train) and the need to protect the mature tree canopy in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2). Dozens of trees would need to be axed if the Government were to proceed with one of its three proposed Park Lands sites.

The full results of the survey, including all comments from 682 respondents, have been forwarded to Premier Peter Malinauskas, Infrastructure Minister Tom Koutsantonis, and the Member for Adelaide, Labor's Lucy Hood.



Total responses endorsing non-Park Lands sites: 576 (85.5%)

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The State Government has powers to acquire any land it needs. By [thinking outside the box](#), a new Aquatic Centre site could be a **win-win** for swimmers and your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands.

Before the State election in March 2022, SA Labor cautiously promised only that a new Aquatic Centre might be “adjacent” to the current site; leaving open the possibility of a brownfields site in a nearby suburb. The Labor party’s election promise did not openly threaten Park Lands.

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