



# Adelaide Park Lands Association

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Bowden, Hindmarsh, leading in Aquatic Centre site survey

A site in the inner north-western suburbs is firming as the people's favourite for a new Aquatic Centre.

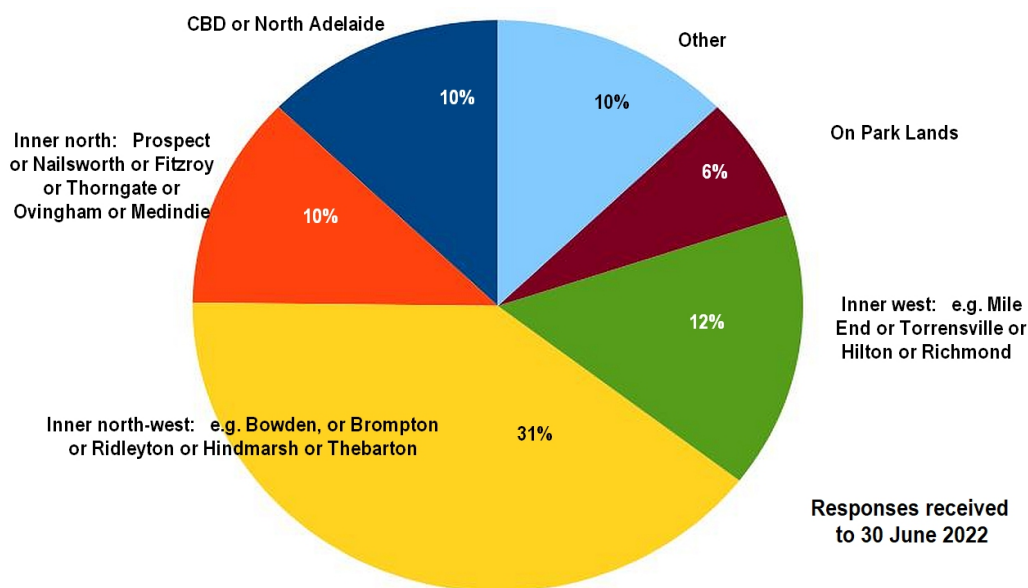
Open-ended consultation, facilitated by the Adelaide Park Lands Association has most respondents critical of State Government plans to bulldoze dozens of trees for an \$82 million Aquatic Centre. The APA consultation is being conducted in parallel to the State Government's sham consultation.

The State Government is falsely pretending that a new Aquatic Centre can be built only on Denise Norton Park/ Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) at one of these three sites (below). Olympic swimmer Denise Norton herself has rejected this idea, and respondents to APA's consultation are outraged that the Government is proposing to clear dozens, if not hundreds of mature trees from the Park.



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Respondents to APA's survey have other ideas. Most respondents prefer to have a new Aquatic Centre close to the CBD, and near public transport, but NOT on your Park Lands.



President of the Adelaide Park Lands Association, Shane Sody has written to:

- the Premier, Peter Malinauskas,
- Transport and Infrastructure Minister Tom Koutsantonis, and
- the Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood

to point out that **there are multiple other brownfield sites around Adelaide that could be used.**

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.

The Adelaide Park Lands Association survey will remain open until at least the end of July. Results will be conveyed to the State Government. However it is already clear from the 180 responses received by 30 June that respondents are in favour of a win-win, and restoring a Park while also welcoming a near-city Aquatic Centre on a brownfield site.

Here is the survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGZ7FKT>

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