

# Our Adelaide

## Draft Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy

### Consultation Summary



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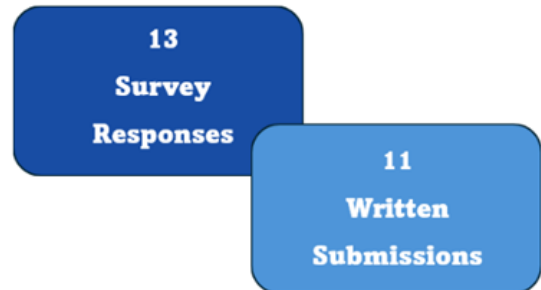
On 10 September, 2024, Council approved public consultation of the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy (Draft Policy).

Public consultation on the Draft Policy opened on 16 September 2024 and closed on 14 October 2024. The engagement was designed to be inclusive, inviting input from the community as well as key stakeholders who participated in prior consultations. Feedback on the Draft Policy could be provided by completing an online submission form, sending a written response (either via email or letter) or meeting a team member to discuss their views.

The consultation process was promoted through Council's Our Adelaide website and social media platforms, and previous respondents were invited to comment on the revised Draft Policy.

On 26 September 2024, Administration presented the Draft Policy to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) to facilitate a submission from the Board.

24 submissions were received in total, including 13 survey responses and 11 written responses.

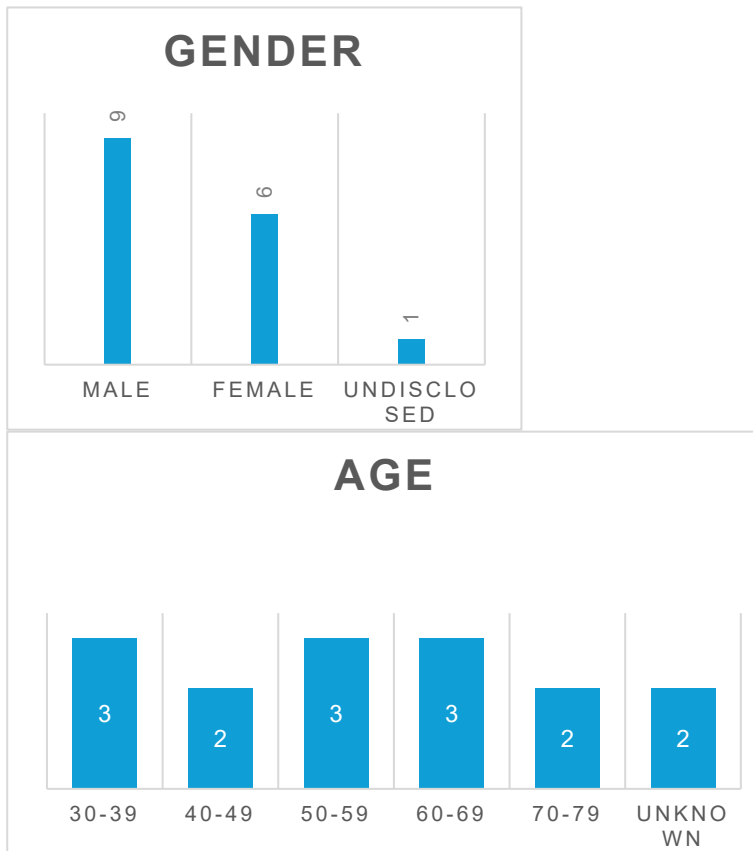


In addition to these responses, Administration also reviewed feedback collected through the recent Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) consultation, where the feedback included commentary on Community Buildings within the Park Lands.

## Who contributed to the community consultation?

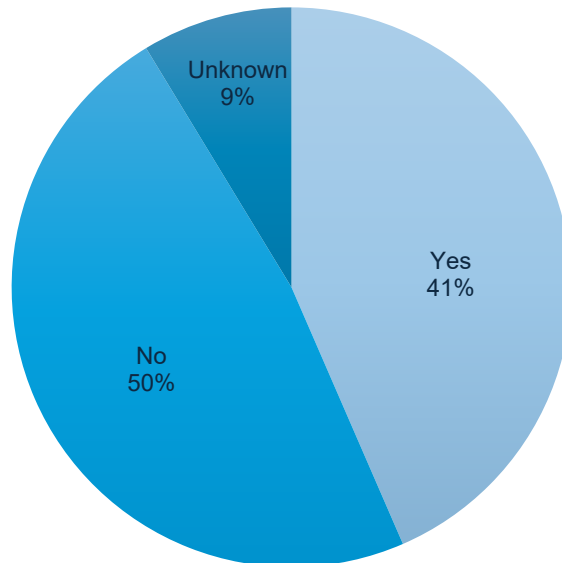
Excluding submissions or feedback from organisations or community groups, the data shows most respondents identified as male. Feedback was received from a number of age groups, with relatively even distribution across cohorts between the ages of 30-79 years.

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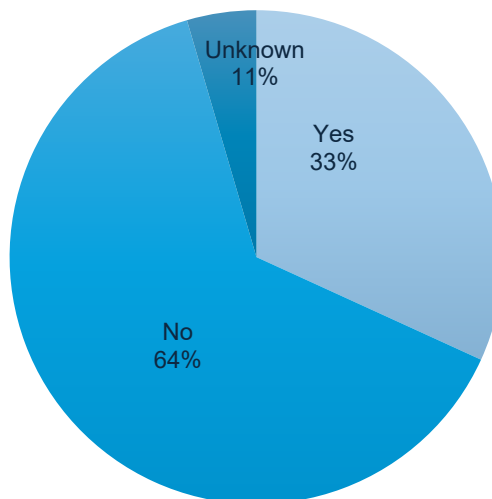


Half of the respondents indicated that they are not associated with or members of any community groups or organisations that lease sporting facilities in the Park Lands. Furthermore, 64% of respondents stated that they are not City of Adelaide ratepayers.

Are you associated with and/or a member of an organisation that leases sports facilities in the Park Lands?



Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?



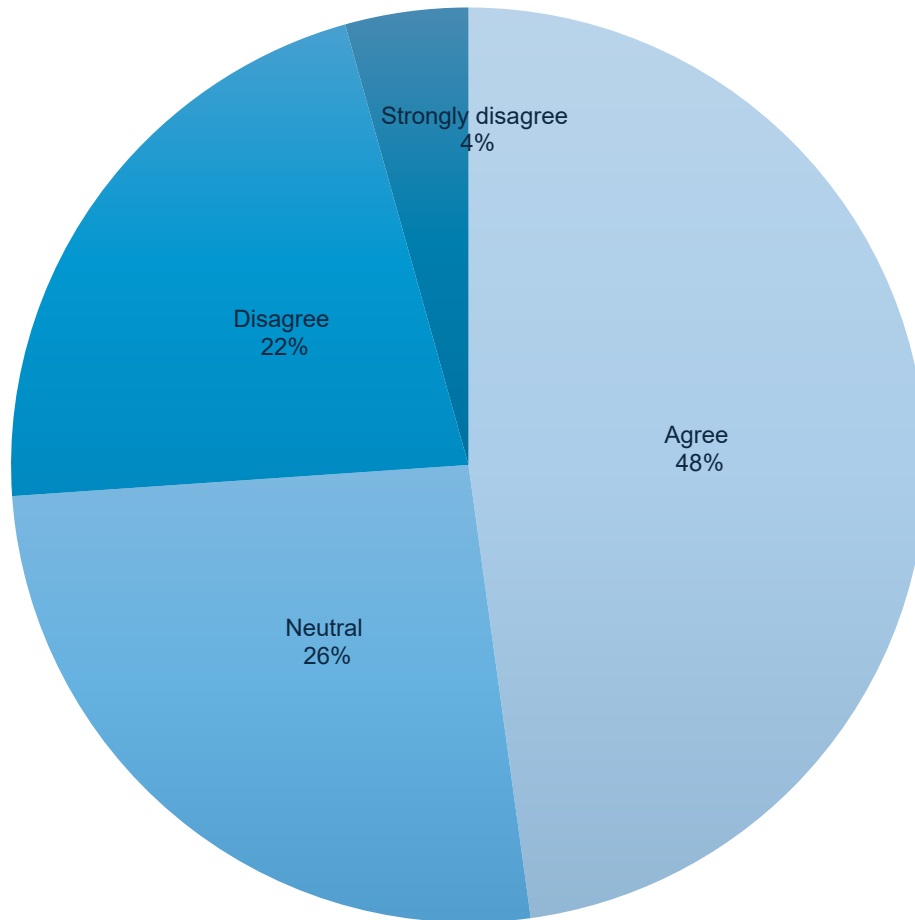
What did we hear from the community?

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Of the 23 responses received from the community, 48% agreed with the Draft Policy, while another 26% were neutral. 26% of respondents either disagree or strongly disagree with the Draft Policy.

## To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Draft Policy?



## Key Themes Identified

The consultation feedback revealed a range of responses from the community, reflecting varying opinions on the Draft Policy. Below is a summary of key themes highlighting a collective desire for thoughtful, inclusive, and sustainable development of community buildings in the Park Lands.

### High-quality building form and function

Respondents highlighted the importance of environmentally friendly building designs seamlessly integrating into the Park Lands.

Some respondents emphasised the importance of adhering to sporting facility guidelines, while some sought to set higher benchmarks beyond the minimal requirements.

Some respondents highlighted the need for an increased building footprint to align with industry standards, ensuring community buildings are appropriately sized and equipped to foster diverse participation, and not limit their use to specific groups or organisations.

### Inclusive facilities

There was a strong emphasis on enhancing facilities to support the growth of women's sports while prioritising accessibility for all users, including individuals with disabilities. Respondents advocated for substantial investment to update changerooms to meet current standards for both male and female participants.

There was support for expanding community access to community buildings beyond just leaseholders and ensuring buildings were designed to be welcoming, functional, and equitable for everyone.

### Collaboration

Respondents associated with existing Park Lands facilities emphasised the importance of ongoing collaboration between the City of Adelaide, state sporting associations and lessees in designing Community Buildings to ensure facilities meet the needs of the primary users. These respondents also suggested that by virtue of co-investing, they should have greater influence over the design outcomes.

Respondents recommended recognising and respecting the diverse cultural and natural heritage of the Park Lands, particularly through meaningful engagement with First Nations communities and incorporating heritage considerations into planning.

### Accessible green space

Strong support was given to building consolidation and the removal of existing buildings.

Some respondents raised concerns about the size of new Community Buildings and the loss of Park Lands open space, while some did not want to see facilities provided exclusively for leaseholder use.

## Informed decision making

Some respondents were concerned that the Draft Policy did not resolve strategic tensions raised through previous consultations, particularly the creation of fit-for-purpose shared facilities, no net loss of Park Lands, and low-scale single-level buildings.

## What feedback did we receive from Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority?

On 26 September 2024, Administration presented the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).

Feedback from Kadaltilla was gathered and analysed in relation to the key objectives of the Draft Policy. Below is a summary of their feedback:

- **Support for the Draft Policy:** Kadaltilla strongly supported the Draft Policy and acknowledged its proposed improvements. This reflected a broader recognition of the need to enhance the functionality and accessibility of community facilities while aligning with the community's evolving needs.
- **Park design response:** Kadaltilla expressed support for the importance of a thorough design process that reviews each project on a case-by-case basis. This approach ensures that new buildings not only meet contemporary standards but also address specific community and park needs.
- **Utilise existing guidelines:** Kadaltilla recommended the Policy reference the Adelaide Park Lands Buildings Design Guidelines, particularly concerning building materiality. This will ensure consistency in both aesthetic and functional approaches across community buildings and maintain the natural characteristics of the Park Lands environment.

## What insights were gathered from the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) consultation?

Feedback gathered through recent consultation on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) was also reviewed, particularly regarding sports and recreation buildings.

This review aimed to build on the feedback received through the formal public consultation process on the Draft Policy

Several key themes were identified from the APLMS consultation feedback.

- **Accessibility and Inclusiveness:** Focus on ensuring that sporting facilities are accessible to everyone, particularly encouraging higher participation rates in women's sports and providing adequate facilities for all users.
- **Buildings no longer fit for purpose:** This underscores the necessity of upgrading outdated or non-compliant existing facilities to meet safety standards and community needs.
- **Balancing development and green spaces:** tension between increasing building footprints for functional purposes and the need to protect open, green spaces in the Park Lands.
- **Community engagement and flexibility:** Support for creating versatile recreational spaces that adapt to changing community needs, promoting active lifestyles across different age groups and demographics, especially amongst children.
- **Sustainability and environmental impact:** Highlighting the need to reduce car parking and other infrastructure, whilst promoting sustainable practices within Park Land developments.
- **Community needs and safety:** Stresses the importance of ensuring that upgraded facilities are safe, well-designed, and aligned with community needs to enhance overall usage.



## Summary of the public consultation of the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy (Draft Policy).

The community consultation process revealed a diverse range of opinions from the community, reflecting both support and concerns regarding investment in the upgrade and development of community buildings in the Park Lands.

Supportive themes highlighted the importance of environmentally friendly designs, respect for cultural and natural heritage, and the need for facilities that serve the broader community while promoting stakeholder collaboration. There was a significant call for improved facilities for women's sports, enhanced accessibility, and higher design standards to foster community engagement.

Concerns were raised about unresolved key issues, such as the definition of "no net loss of park lands" and the impact of new constructions on existing green spaces. Respondents expressed a strong desire to maintain open, accessible parklands, urging that any consolidation of buildings should not result in increased sizes or numbers. Transparency in the consultation process and support for not-for-profit organisations were also highlighted as critical areas needing attention.

Feedback from Kadaltilla echoed many of the community sentiments. Kadaltilla stressed the importance of design integrity and environmental harmony while delivering high-quality, accessible facilities.

Insights from the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy consultation further revealed a strong community desire for accessible, safe, and adaptable recreational spaces that balance development needs with the preservation of green areas, underscoring the overarching aim of enhancing community engagement and promoting active lifestyles.