

Petition - Proposed Location of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre

Tuesday, 14 February 2023
Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a petition for Council to receive. The petition asks Council to:

- *Refuse to grant any lease to the State Government for a proposed new Aquatic Centre in Denise Norton Park/Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) or anywhere within the world-unique, National Heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands.*
- *Advise the State Government to choose an alternative near city brownfield site for a new Aquatic Centre.*
- *Petition the State Government to approve the long-delayed State Heritage listing of the Adelaide Park Lands, and support an application to UNESCO for World Heritage Listing.*

There are 257 signatories to the petition.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the petition containing 257 signatories, distributed as a separate document to Item 8.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 14 February 2023.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities Presentation of petitions align with the Strategic Plan objective that community consultation underpins everything we do.
Policy	Not as result of this report
Consultation	Not as result of this report
Resource	Not as result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Petition presented for receipt in accordance with City of Adelaide Standing Orders and the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA).
Opportunities	Not as result of this report
22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as result of this report
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as result of this report
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. A petition containing 257 signatories was received on 31 January 2023 that asks Council to do the following
 - 1.1. *Refuse to grant any lease to the State Government for a proposed new Aquatic Centre in Denise Norton Park/Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) or anywhere within the world-unique, National Heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands.*
 - 1.2. *Advise the State Government to choose an alternative near-city brownfield site for a new Aquatic Centre.*
(Locating a major sporting/recreational/commercial facility on the Adelaide City Parklands immediately adjacent a residential precinct is not only unprecedented, but would set a dangerous precedent, encouraging other organisations including a State Government to seek to develop similar facilities in the park lands).
 - 1.3. *Petition the State Government to approve the long-delayed State Heritage listing of the Adelaide Park Lands, and support an application to UNESCO for World Heritage Listing.'*
2. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure the petition is placed on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of Council. The original petition will be distributed to all Council Members separately.
3. Members of the public may seek a copy of the original petition upon written request to the Chief Executive Officer.
3. The petition has been considered pursuant to regulation 10 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA) (the Regulations), and with the requirements of the City of Adelaide's Standing Orders.
5. This petition meets the requirements of the Regulations and Standing Orders and is presented for Council to receive.

ATTACHMENTS

Petition distributed separately to Lord Mayor and Councillors

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