

Councillor Martin - QoN - Aquatic Centre Traffic and Parking

Tuesday, 27 January 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting estimates of patronage of over a million visitors a year, could the Administration advise;

1. What measures have been adopted or are planned to manage expected increases in local traffic and demand for nearby on street parking demand
2. Whether any special consideration will be given to visitors of local residents whose visitors will need to compete with Aquatic Centre visitors for on street parking
3. If any changes will be made to routes of either Adelaide Metro Bus Services or the City Connector to accommodate visitation by public transport, and
4. What access or onsite facilities will be provided to accommodate cyclists and micro transport users?'

REPLY

1. The Traffic, Parking and Access Report, lodged by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) as part of its Adelaide Aquatic Centre development application to the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP), details the project's local traffic management planning.
 - 1.1. Regarding traffic volumes, the report acknowledges that the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre is expected to generate a marginal increase in traffic volumes. However, because the busiest activity periods for the centre will not likely coincide with peak traffic flows on the adjacent Jeffcott Road – which occur during the morning and evening weekday peak commuter periods – the report assessed that the increased traffic generated can be managed using the existing road network and signalised intersections.
 - 1.2. Regarding car park provision, the report highlights that the existing car park is designed to be upgraded and increase from 266 spaces to 384, a 31 per cent increase. A drop-off zone is designed to be located at the southern end of the car park, and 10 disabled car parks were designed to be located in the southeastern corner of the car park with convenient access to the public entrance of the Aquatic Centre. This increase in car park provision deals with the anticipated extra patronage predicted and, as such, will relieve potential demand pressure on existing on street parking spaces in the vicinity.
2. In response to question 2, the following advice is provided:
 - 2.1. Currently, part time and full time on street parking restrictions to support residential parking in the vicinity of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre are as follows:
 - 2.1.1. Two spaces are restricted on a full time basis for residential parking on Jeffcott Street (between Barton Terrace West and Childers Street)

- 2.1.2. Four spaces are restricted on a part time basis on Hack Street.
- 2.1.3. Three spaces are restricted on a full time basis and two spaces are restricted on a part time basis on Travers Place.
- 2.1.4. Six spaces are restricted on a part time basis on Childers Street (between Jeffcott Street and O'Connell Street).
- 2.2. Elsewhere – in the area bordered by Fitzroy Terrace, Jeffcott Street, Childers Street, and O'Connell Street/Prospect Road – all other on street car parks are either restricted by time limits (mostly 2-4 hours in duration - with some areas excepting residential permit holders) or allow unrestricted parking.
- 2.3. Administration will continue to engage with DIT after the scheduled opening of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre (on 26 January 2026) to monitor patronage numbers, car parking demand and develop options for changes to on street parking restrictions, where appropriate.
- 3. Administration has not been informed of any changes to either the Adelaide Metro Bus Services or the City Connector in the vicinity of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.
 - 3.1. Administration will continue to engage with DIT after the scheduled opening of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre (on 26 January 2026) to monitor patronage numbers, car parking demand and inform options for changed public transport routes and/or services, where appropriate.
- 4. The Traffic, Parking and Access Report prepared for DIT detailed that the project would include three sets of bicycle racks close to the entrance of the new Aquatic Centre, with space to accommodate up to 56 bicycles for public use.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 10 hours.
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