

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

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NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST
iCBRFOI2526/47	<p><i>Reports of data collected from the 7-week consultation on a new Canberra Aquatic Centre between 29 September 2025 and 14 November 2025. I request the reports prepared from both digital and in-person consultations, such as on-line surveys, pop-ups and stakeholder meetings, surveys etc. conducted in the 7-weeks.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, I request the final site due diligence report and the data which informed the conclusions presented in the site due diligence report and listening report on 29 January 2026.</i></p>

Section Ref No	Pages	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1.	0.	Release Schedule	DD/MM/2026	-	-	Yes
2.	00.	Decision Letter	DD/MM/2026	-	-	Yes
3.	1-24	Form results	14/11/2025	Full release	-	Yes
4.	25-27	Workshop transcript data analysis	12/11/2025	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
5.	28-30	Workshop whiteboard data analysis	12/11/2025	Full release	-	Yes

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6.	31-32	Stakeholder Meeting 1 Notes	-	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
7.	33	Stakeholder Meeting 2 Notes	-	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
8.	34-35	Stakeholder Meeting 3 Notes	-	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
9.	36	Stakeholder Meeting 4 Notes	11/12/2025	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
10.	37-38	Stakeholder Meeting 5 Notes	29/07/2025	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
11.	39	Transcribed notes 1	06/11/2025	Full Release		Yes
12.	40-41	Transcribed notes 2	-	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
13.	42	Transcribed notes 3	03/11/2025	Full Release		Yes
14.	43-46	Transcribed notes 4	01/11/2025	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
15.	47-49	Transcribed notes 5	29/10/2025	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
16.	50-51	Transcribed notes 6	-	Partial Release	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
17.	52	Transcribed notes 7	05/11/2025	Full Release		Yes
18.	53-56	Transcribed notes 8	-	Full Release	-	Yes



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19.		Canberra Aquatic Centre Site Investigation Report		Withheld	Schedule 2.2(a)(xvi)	No
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Our Ref: iCBRFOI2526/47

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

Dear Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act). The scope was clarified and accepted by yourself and Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) on 06 February 2026.

In your clarified information access request, you sought access to:

“Reports of data collected from the 7-week consultation on a new Canberra Aquatic Centre between 29 September 2025 and 14 November 2025. I request the reports prepared from both digital and in-person consultations, such as on-line surveys, pop-ups and stakeholder meetings, surveys etc. conducted in the 7-weeks.

Additionally, I request the final site due diligence report and the data which informed the conclusions presented in the site due diligence report and listening report on 29 January 2026.”

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, iCBR is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days. Therefore, a decision was due by 30 April 2026, however as previously advised we sought and were subsequently granted an extension of time due to staff being off sick.

Decision on access

Searches for relevant information was completed and the records identified as relevant to your application are listed in the schedule enclosed. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

It is worth noting that most data collected through the stakeholder engagement processes is consolidated into the Listening Report already publicly available.

There are no supplementary reports of data which informed the report.

My decision in relation to the documents relevant to your request summarised as follows:

- Partial access, to 12 number of items,
- Full release, to 6 number of items, and
- Withhold one item.



My decision is detailed further in the following Statement of Reasons.

Statement of Reasons

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in Schedule 2 of the Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)

- *Section 2.1(a)(i) – promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the governments accountability;*
- *Section 2.1(a)(iii) – inform the community of government operations*

I consider it in the public interest that the processes iCBR and its staff undertake in delivering projects such as this are demonstrated in the information identified. I am satisfied that these are relevant considerations favouring disclosure in this case, and in the interests of enhancing open discussion, I afford them significant weight.

Factors favouring non-disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.2)

- *Section 2.2(a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*;*

I consider that the protection of an individual's right to privacy, especially during dealings with the ACT Government is a significant factor as the parties involved have provided their personal contact information for the purposes of working with the ACT Government. I have considered this information and in my opinion the protection of individuals' personal details outweighs the benefit which may be derived from releasing them.

- *Schedule 2.2(a)(xvi) prejudice a deliberative process of government*

When evaluating the public interest in relation to your request I noted the Canberra Aquatic Centre is at a preliminary stage. The contained in the document "Canberra Aquatic Centre Site Investigation Report" will be used to inform future decisions, including future government and commercial deliberations. Therefore, the information contained in the Investigation Report relates early deliberations on the Canberra Aquatic Centre project, and decisions are still being considered by iCBR and related parties. As this information has been prepared as a basis for intended deliberations it is exempt from release at this stage of the project.

I also note that iCBR and the ACT Government more generally proactively release information on projects at appropriate project milestones. This will also occur with the Canberra Aquatic Centre.

Charges

I have decided to waive any charges in relation to this Freedom of Information application.

Online Publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, iCBR maintains an official online record of access applications called a Disclosure Log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in



response to your access application will be published on the iCBR Disclosure Log within three to ten working days after the date of the decision.

Your personal details will not be published.

You may view the iCBR Disclosure Log at: [iCBR Disclosure Log](#)

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published on the iCBR Disclosure Log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under Section 82(2) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please contact me via email iCBR.FOI@act.gov.au.

Please ensure you quote your reference number: **iCBRFOI2526/47**

Yours sincerely,

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

Lorcan Murphy
Information Officer
Infrastructure Canberra
06/05/2026

YourSay ACT

Form Results Summary

Sep 24, 2025 - Nov 14, 2025

Project: Canberra Aquatic Centre Design Consultation

Form: Canberra Aquatic Centre Design Consultation

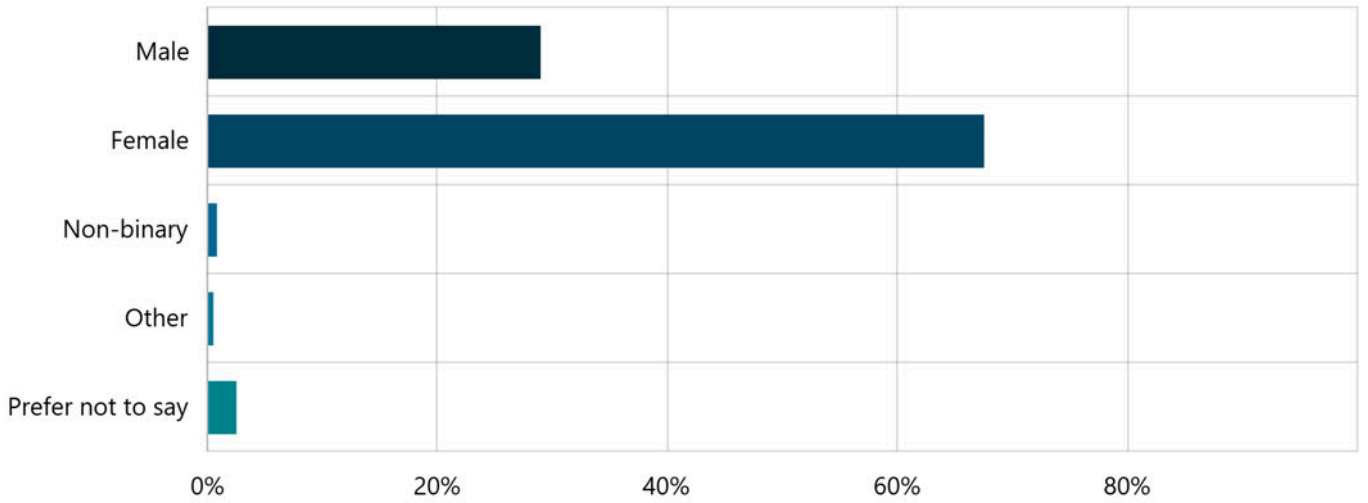
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5. Which of the following best describes your gender? Required

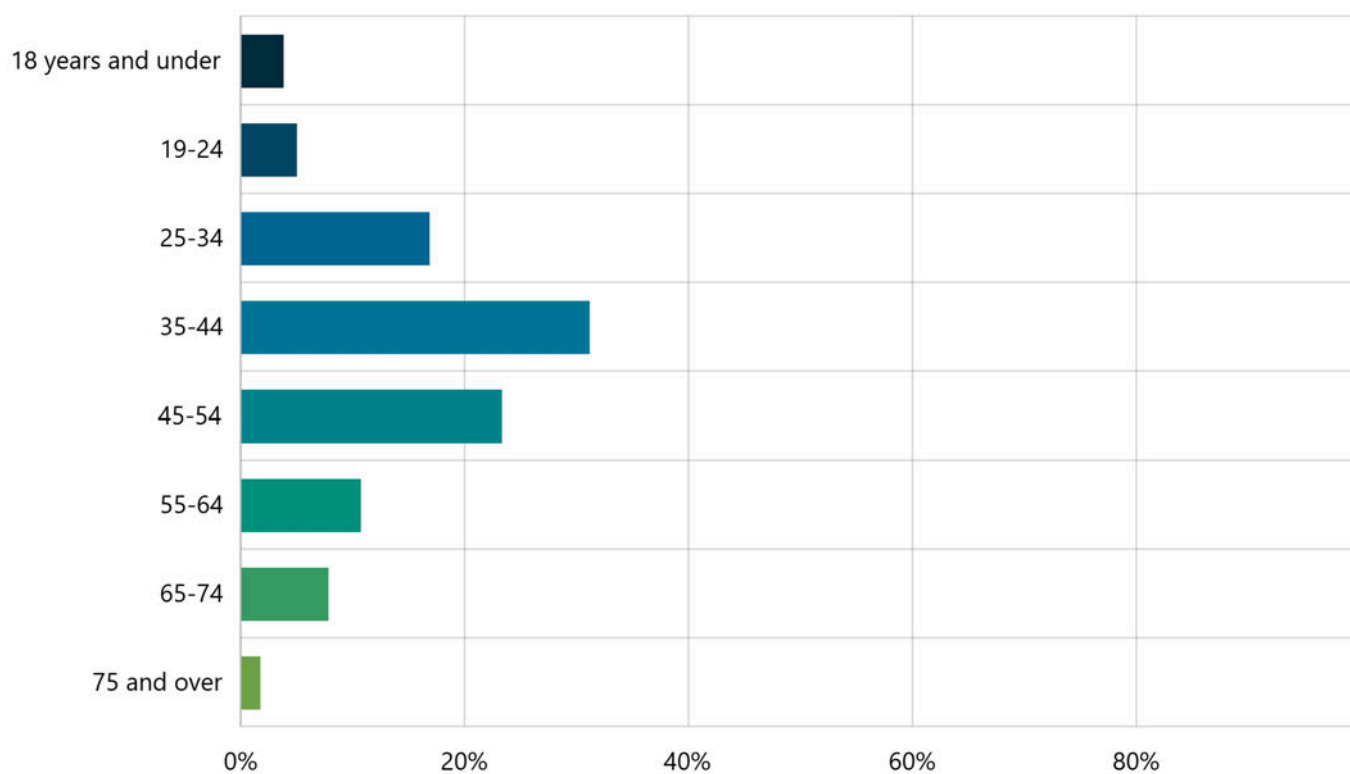
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Male	28.90%	461
Female	67.46%	1,076
Non-binary	0.75%	12
Other	0.44%	7
Prefer not to say	2.45%	39
Total	100.00%	1,595

6. What is your age? Required

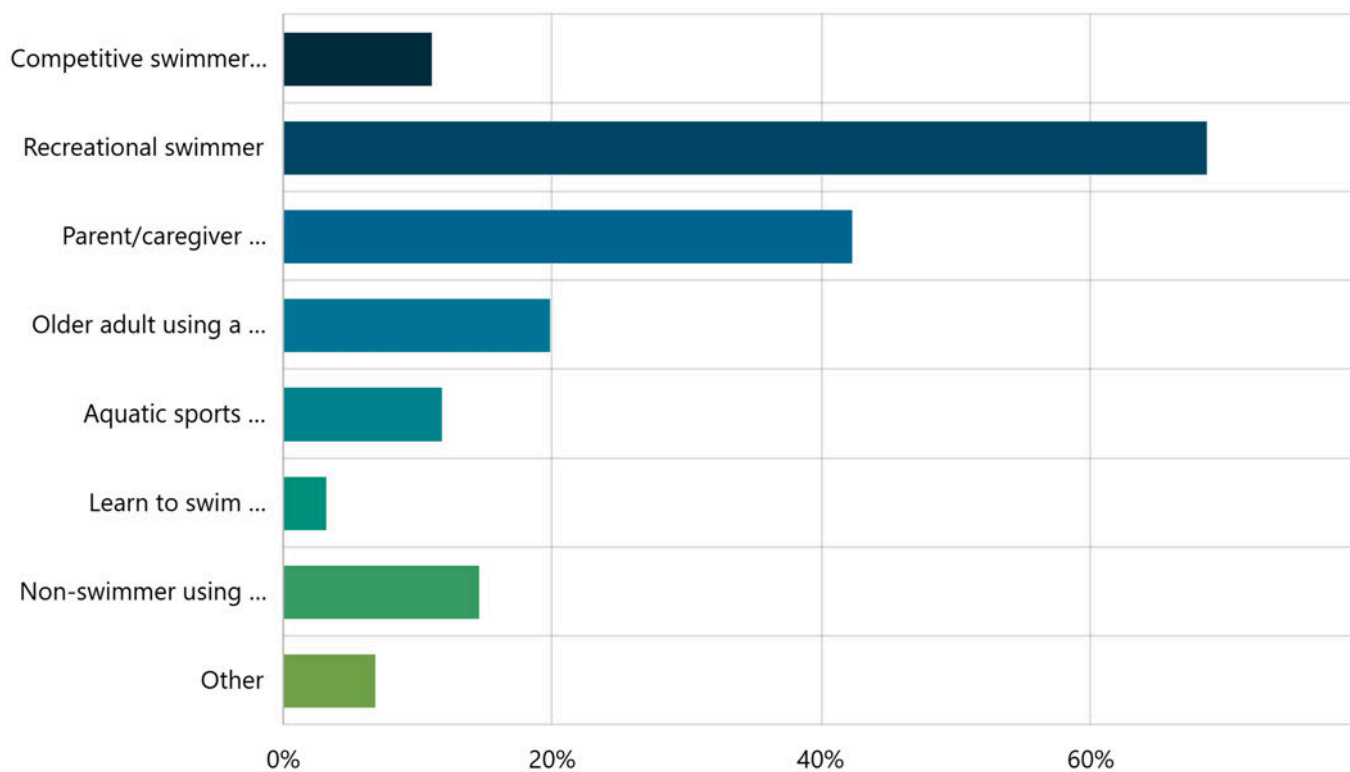
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
18 years and under	3.76%	60
19-24	4.95%	79
25-34	16.80%	268
35-44	31.10%	496
45-54	23.26%	371
55-64	10.66%	170
65-74	7.77%	124
75 and over	1.69%	27
Total	100.00%	1,595

7. Which of the following best describes you? Required

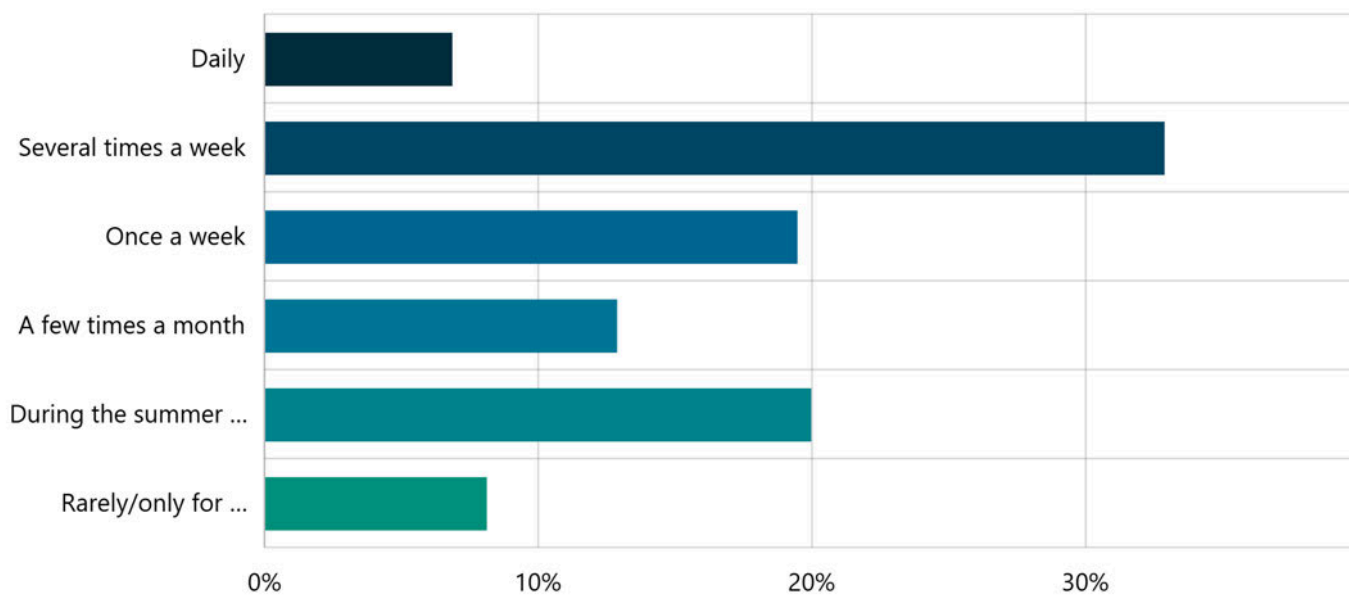
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Competitive swimmer (club/squad)	10.97%	175
Recreational swimmer	68.53%	1,093
Parent/caregiver with young children	42.19%	673
Older adult using a pool for health wellbeing	19.75%	315
Aquatic sports participant (e.g. water polo, diving, synchronised swimming)	11.72%	187
Learn to swim participant	3.13%	50
Non-swimmer using other facilities (e.g. gym, cafe, spectator)	14.48%	231
Other	6.77%	108

8. How often do you currently use aquatic facilities in Canberra? Required

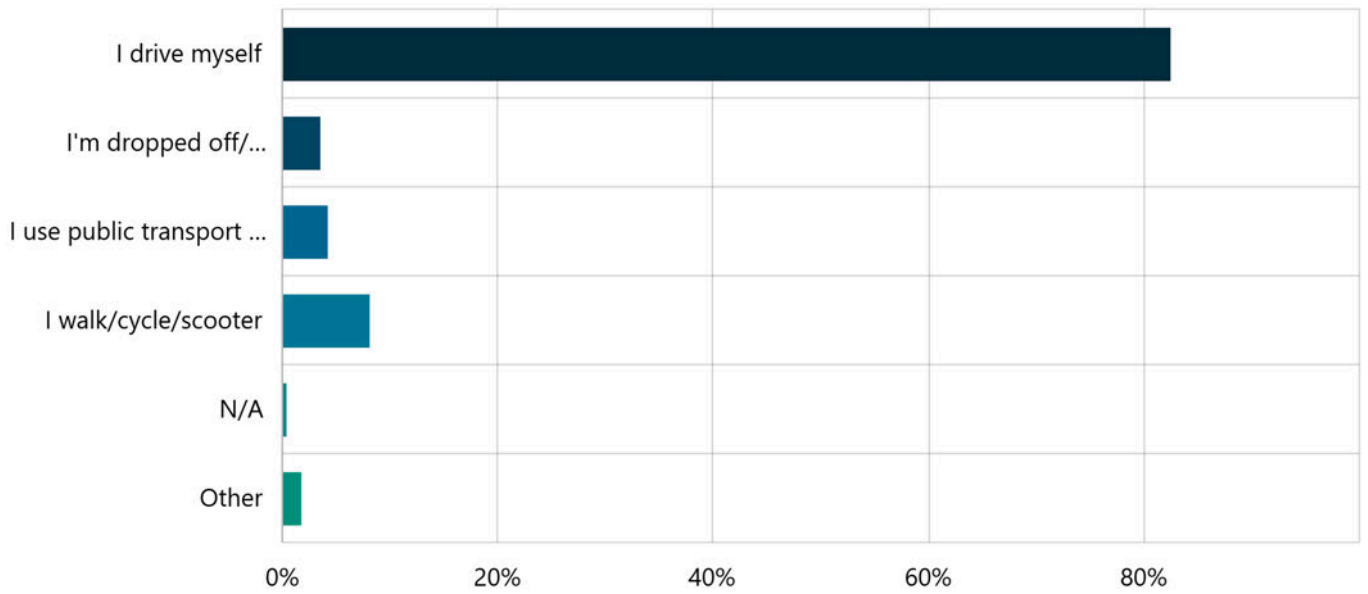
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	6.83%	109
Several times a week	32.85%	524
Once a week	19.44%	310
A few times a month	12.85%	205
During the summer months	19.94%	318
Rarely/only for special events	8.09%	129
Total	100.00%	1,595

9. When you visit a pool, how do you usually get there? (Select all that apply) Required

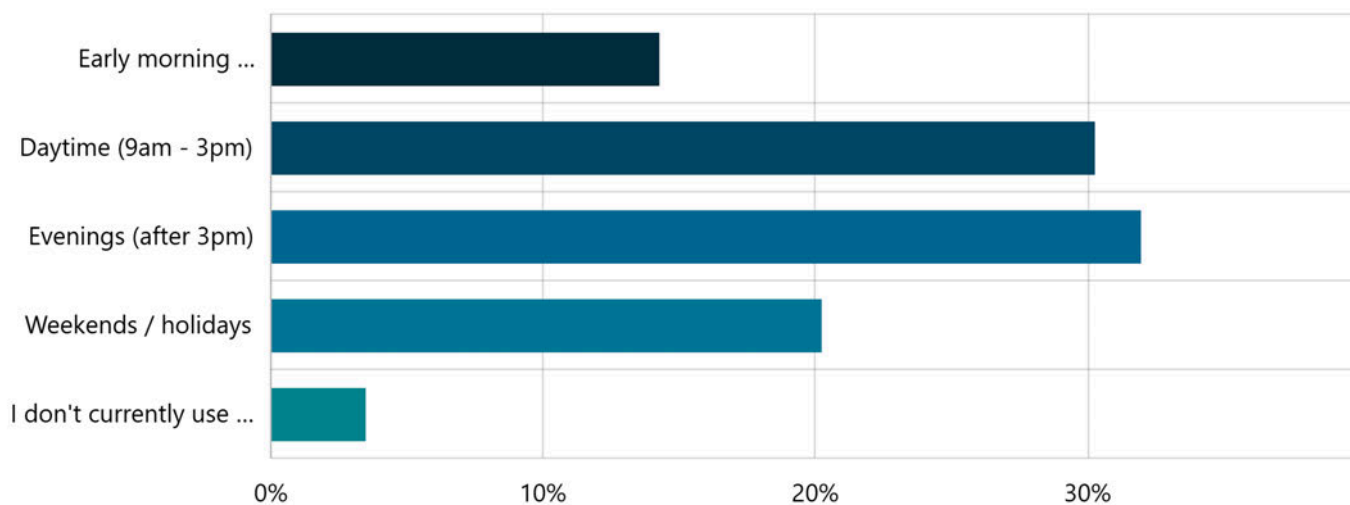
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
I drive myself	82.38%	1,314
I'm dropped off/picked up by someone else	3.45%	55
I use public transport (e.g. bus, light rail)	4.14%	66
I walk/cycle/scooter	8.03%	128
N/A	0.31%	5
Other	1.69%	27
Total	100.00%	1,595

10. What time of the day do you usually use aquatic facilities? Required

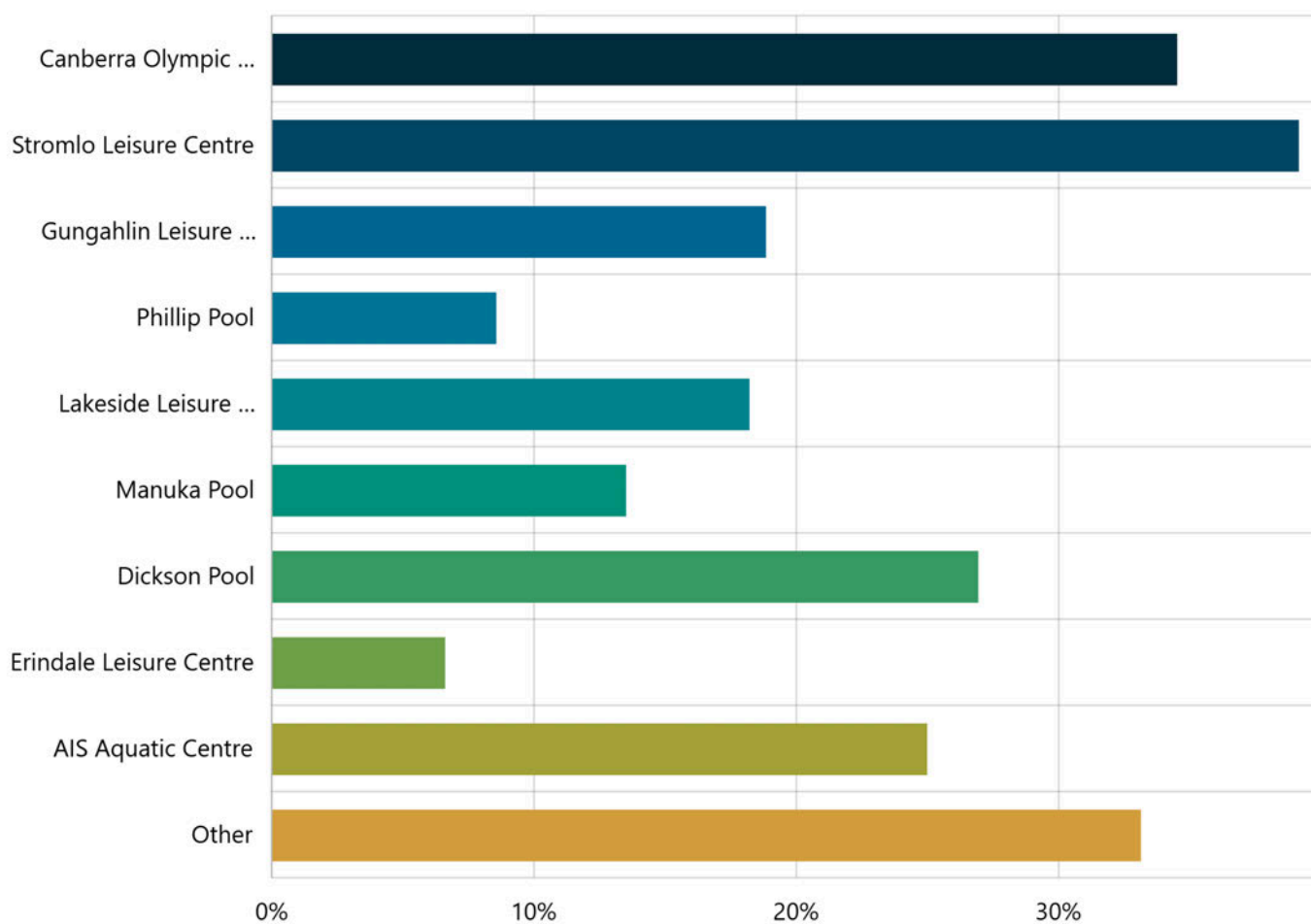
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Early morning (before 9am)	14.23%	227
Daytime (9am - 3pm)	30.22%	482
Evenings (after 3pm)	31.91%	509
Weekends / holidays	20.19%	322
I don't currently use aquatic facilities	3.45%	55
Total	100.00%	1,595

11. What existing aquatic facilities in Canberra do you currently use? Required

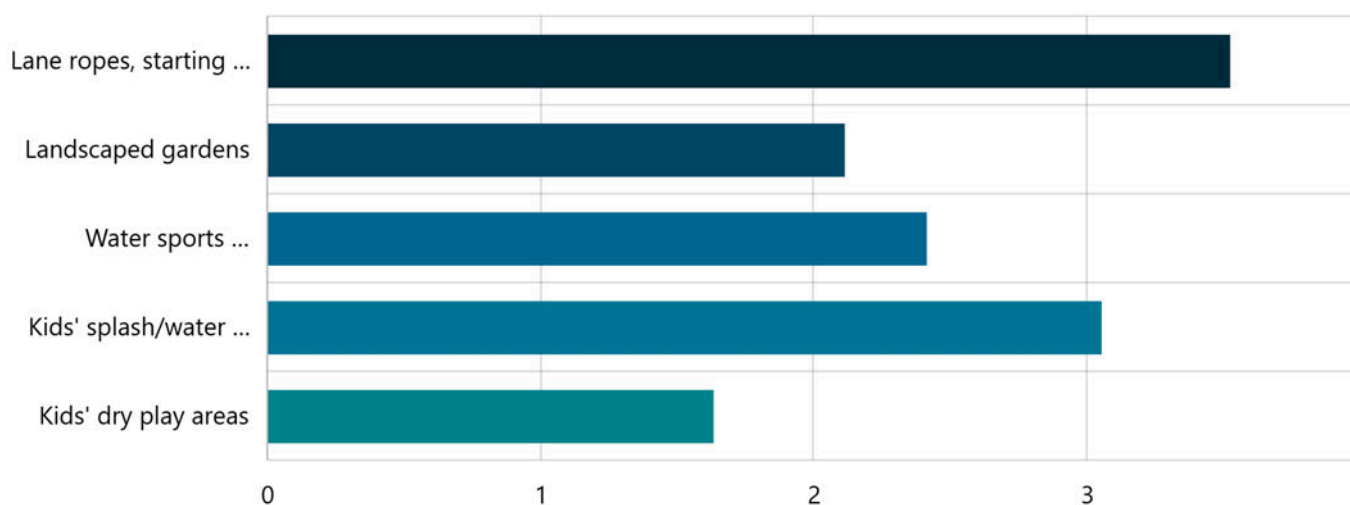
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Canberra Olympic Pool (Civic)	34.48%	550
Stromlo Leisure Centre	39.12%	624
Gungahlin Leisure Centre	18.81%	300
Phillip Pool	8.53%	136
Lakeside Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)	18.18%	290
Manuka Pool	13.48%	215
Dickson Pool	26.90%	429
Erindale Leisure Centre	6.58%	105
AIS Aquatic Centre	24.95%	398
Other	33.10%	528

12. What facilities or equipment are most important for the activities you do? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 1,594 (99.9%)



	1	2	3	4	5	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Lane ropes, starting blocks, timing systems	57.59% 789	17.66% 242	9.56% 131	7.45% 102	7.74% 106	1,370	3.52	1.90
Landscaped gardens	12.12% 149	20.18% 248	23.52% 289	18.23% 224	25.96% 319	1,229	2.11	3.26
Water sports equipment	15.75% 192	29.37% 358	23.13% 282	18.29% 223	13.45% 164	1,219	2.41	2.84
Kids' splash/water play areas	34.69% 452	25.10% 327	21.26% 277	16.42% 214	2.53% 33	1,303	3.05	2.27
Kids' dry play areas	1.02% 12	16.98% 200	18.76% 221	27.84% 328	35.40% 417	1,178	1.63	3.80

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13. Have we missed anything? Are there any other facilities or equipment are important to you?

Short Text | Skipped: 536 | Answered: 1,059 (66.4%)



Tag	Percent	Count
Splash park/kids/slides	17%	179
General ref: spring boards/diving platforms/dive pool	15%	159
Change rooms	11%	119
Non-pool amenities	10%	109
water slide	10%	104
Parking	10%	102
Dive ref: Unclear if rec/comp/sport	9%	97
Functional design - depth	9%	92
Operations	8%	84
Spa/sauna/steam room	8%	83
Hydrotherapy/rehab	8%	80
Sporting	7%	74
Landscaping/visual amenity	5%	57
Seating/spectator	5%	56
Program pool	5%	54
Accesibility	5%	53

Competition - venue use	5%	51
water polo	5%	51
cafe	5%	48
Water temp	4%	43
Outdoor	3%	29
Gym	3%	28
Learn to swim	2%	26
Recreational diving	2%	25
Indoor	2%	25
kiddie-pool	2%	25
References comp diving	2%	23
wave pool	2%	21
Case study	2%	21
Starting blocks/training/touch pads	2%	20
Safety	2%	19
UWR	2%	18
Active travel/pedestrian access	2%	17
Year-round use	2%	17
Dive pool for sports	2%	16
Location	1%	15
Acoustics/ventilation	1%	12
Health and well being	1%	8
Dry areas - training	1%	8
Comment not associated with project	1%	7
inflate	1%	7
Temperature	0%	4
lazy river	0%	4

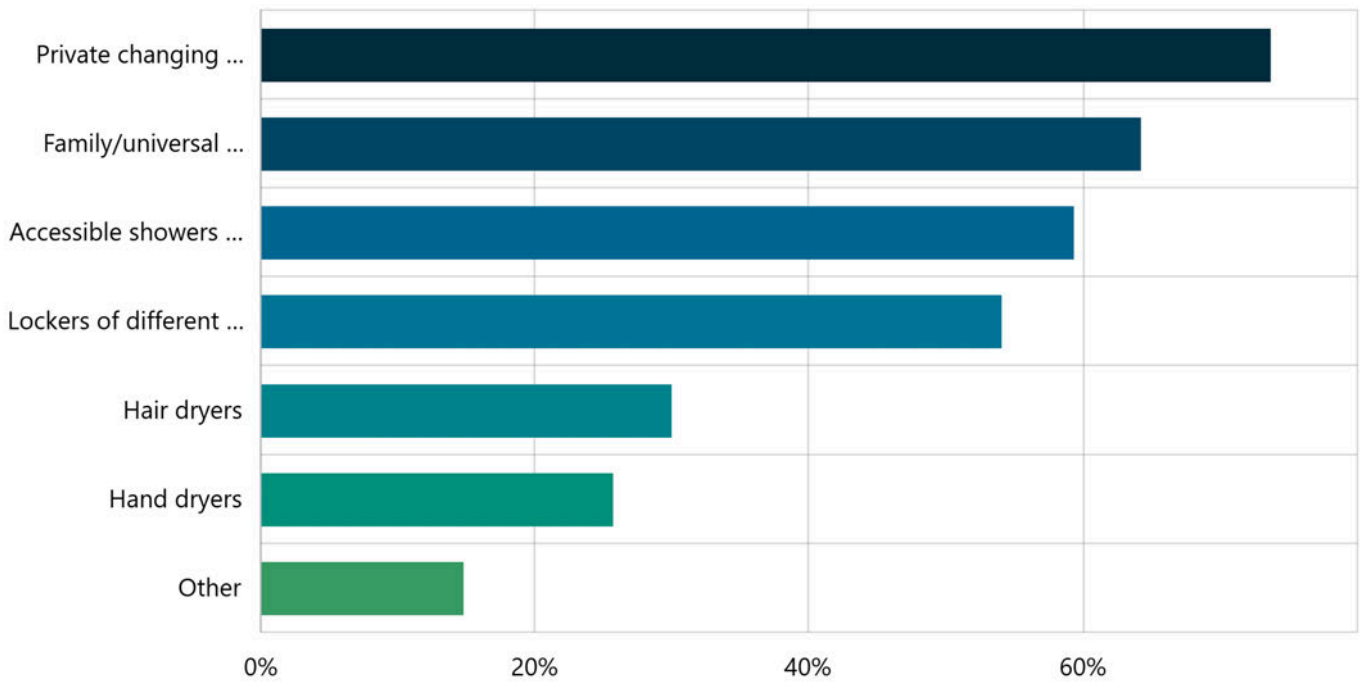
Sustainability	0%	4
Water treatment	0%	3
Heritage/legacy	0%	2
Lifesaving	0%	2
Prayer room	0%	1
Multi-use	0%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

14. What features would you suggest we consider to make our changerooms a safe, inclusive and functional space? Required

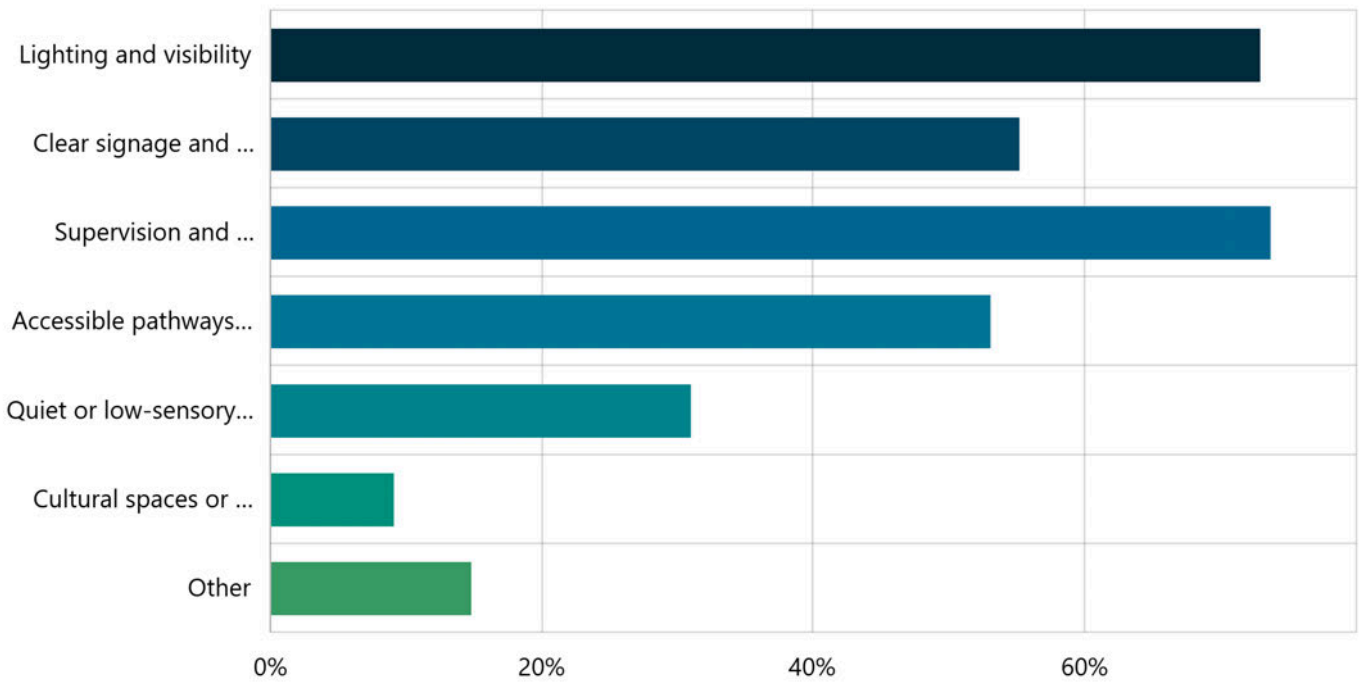
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Private changing cubicles	73.61%	1,174
Family/universal access changerooms	64.14%	1,023
Accessible showers and toilets	59.25%	945
Lockers of different sizes and heights	53.98%	861
Hair dryers	29.91%	477
Hand dryers	25.64%	409
Other	14.73%	235

15. What other features or design elements would make the aquatic centre overall feel safe, inclusive, and enjoyable for all users? Required

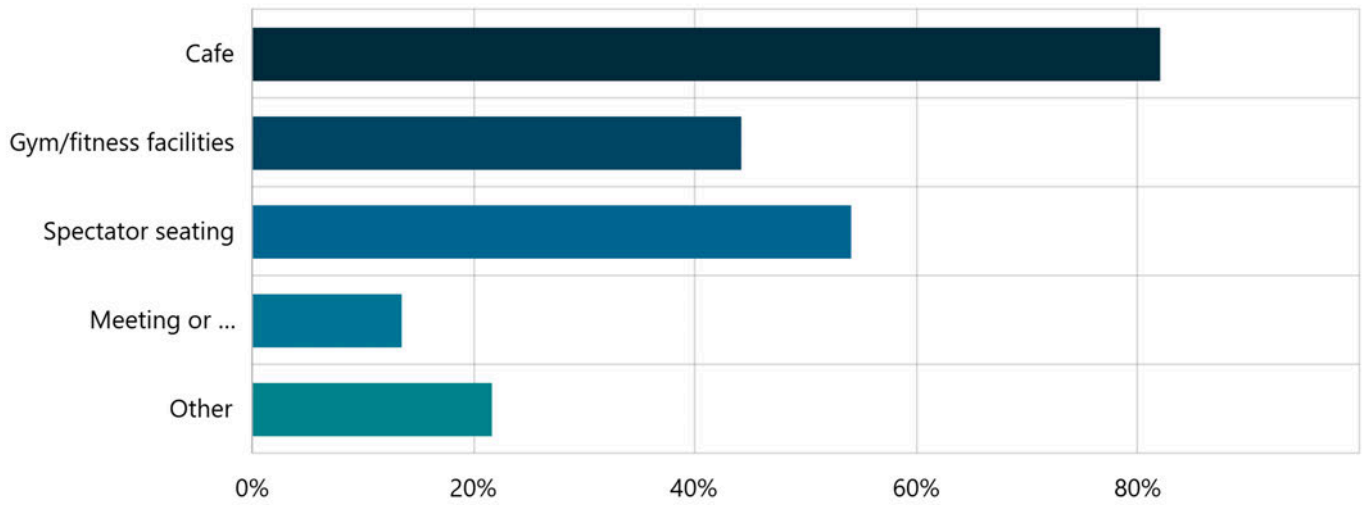
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,595 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Lighting and visibility	72.85%	1,162
Clear signage and wayfinding	55.11%	879
Supervision and lifeguards	73.61%	1,174
Accessible pathways and ramps	52.98%	845
Quiet or low-sensory sessions and spaces	30.91%	493
Cultural spaces or facilities (specify below)	9.03%	144
Other	14.73%	235

16. What additional amenities would you like to see included in the new centre? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 1,594 (99.9%)

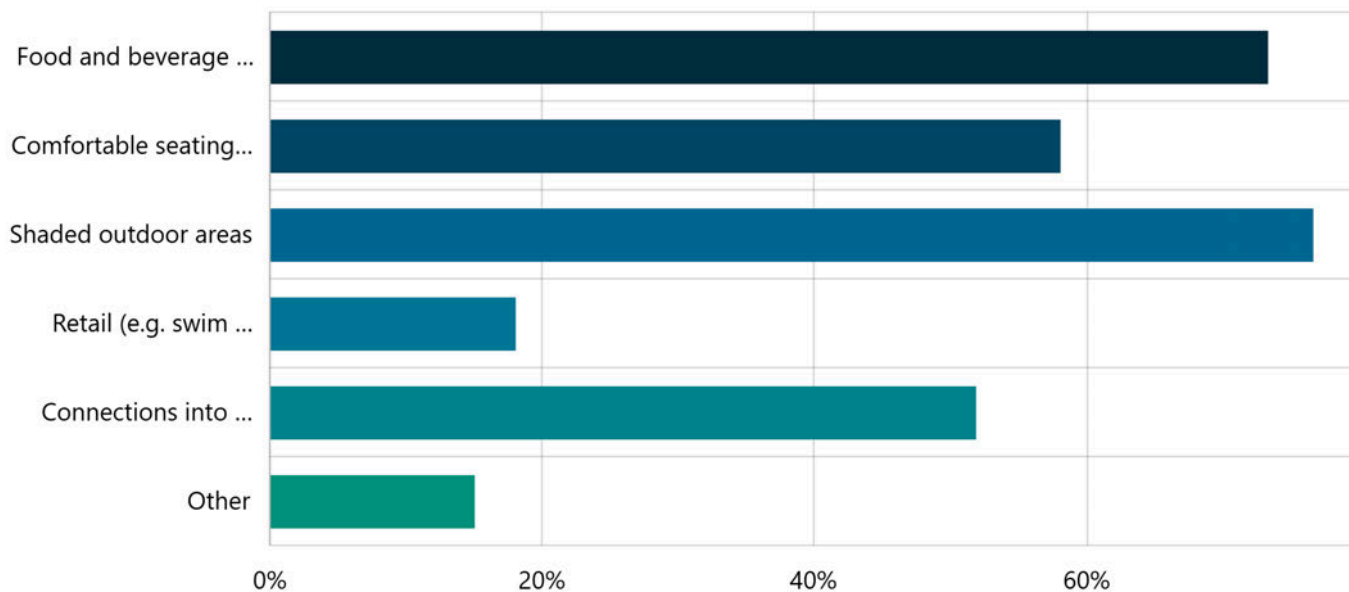


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Cafe	81.93%	1,306
Gym/fitness facilities	44.10%	703
Spectator seating	54.02%	861
Meeting or community rooms	13.43%	214
Other	21.58%	344

17. What features would encourage you to spend more time at the aquatic centre before or after swimming?

Required

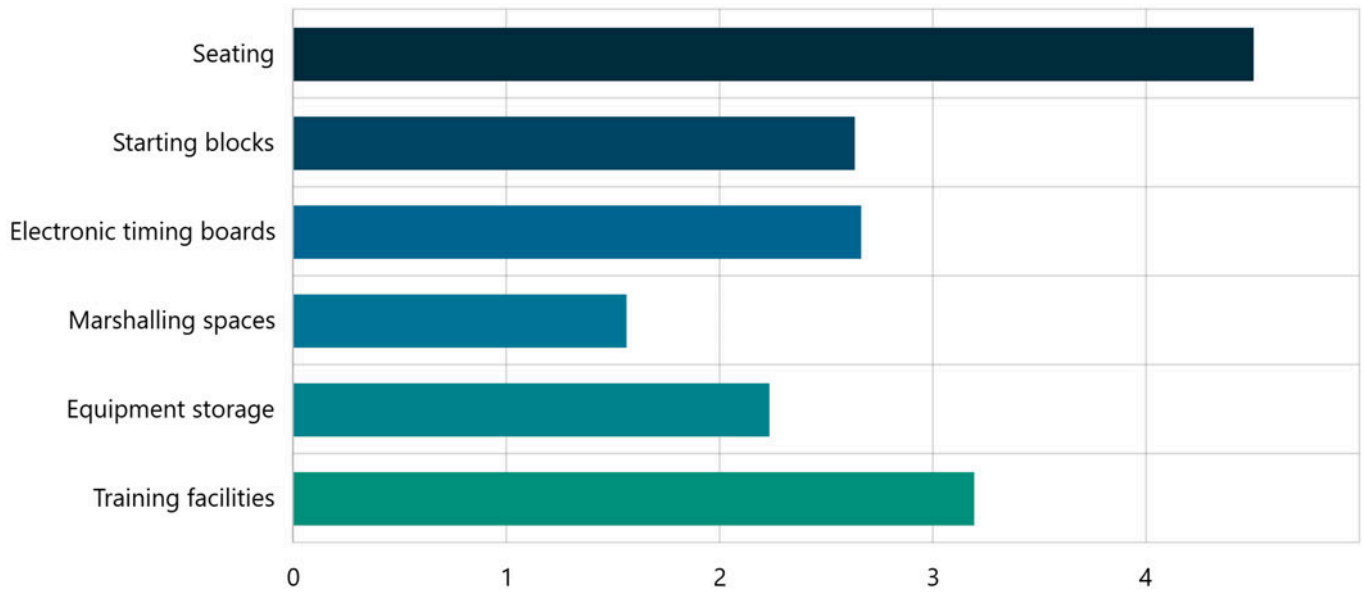
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,595 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Food and beverage options	73.23%	1,168
Comfortable seating/lounges	57.99%	925
Shaded outdoor areas	76.55%	1,221
Retail (e.g. swim gear shop)	17.99%	287
Connections into Commonwealth Park / Acton Waterfront	51.79%	826
Other	14.98%	239

18. If you attend or participate in aquatic events, what facilities are most important to you? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 532 | Answered: 1,063 (66.6%)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Seating	54.18% 531	13.67% 134	11.43% 112	11.12% 109	5.71% 56	3.88% 38	980	4.50	2.12
Starting blocks	13.99% 101	28.12% 203	19.81% 143	16.90% 122	12.05% 87	9.14% 66	722	2.63	3.12
Electronic timing boards	10.46% 79	24.50% 185	25.30% 191	16.95% 128	14.83% 112	7.95% 60	755	2.66	3.25
Marshalling spaces	2.03% 14	6.40% 44	11.34% 78	22.38% 154	27.18% 187	30.67% 211	688	1.56	4.58
Equipment storage	9.38% 71	18.49% 140	16.38% 124	12.15% 92	18.23% 138	25.36% 192	757	2.23	3.87
Training facilities	33.29% 267	19.83% 159	14.59% 117	10.85% 87	11.22% 90	10.22% 82	802	3.19	2.78

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19. Have we missed anything? Are there any other competition facilities that are important to you?

Short Text | Skipped: 1,219 | Answered: 376 (23.6%)



Tag	Percent	Count
General ref: spring boards/diving platforms/dive pool	19%	70
Sporting	14%	54
Functional design - depth	14%	52
Competition - venue use	13%	47
Parking	12%	44
Dive ref: Unclear if rec/comp/sport	11%	42
water polo	10%	37
Comment not associated with project	10%	36
Secondary pool	9%	33
Starting blocks/training/touch pads	7%	25
Operations	6%	24
Seating/spectator	5%	19
References comp diving	5%	17
Splash park/kids/slides	4%	15
Location	4%	15
UWR	4%	15

Indoor	3%	11
Accesibility	3%	11
Non-pool amenities	3%	10
Dive pool for sports	2%	9
Case study	2%	9
Acoustics/ventilation	2%	9
water slide	2%	8
cafe	2%	8
Spa/sauna/steam room	2%	7
Change rooms	2%	7
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Outdoor	2%	6
Water temp	2%	6
Landscaping/visual amenity	2%	6
Hydrotherapy/rehab	2%	6
Program pool	1%	5
Dry areas - training	1%	5
Year-round use	1%	3
Learn to swim	1%	3
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Gym	0%	1
Heritage/legacy	0%	1
Temperature	0%	1

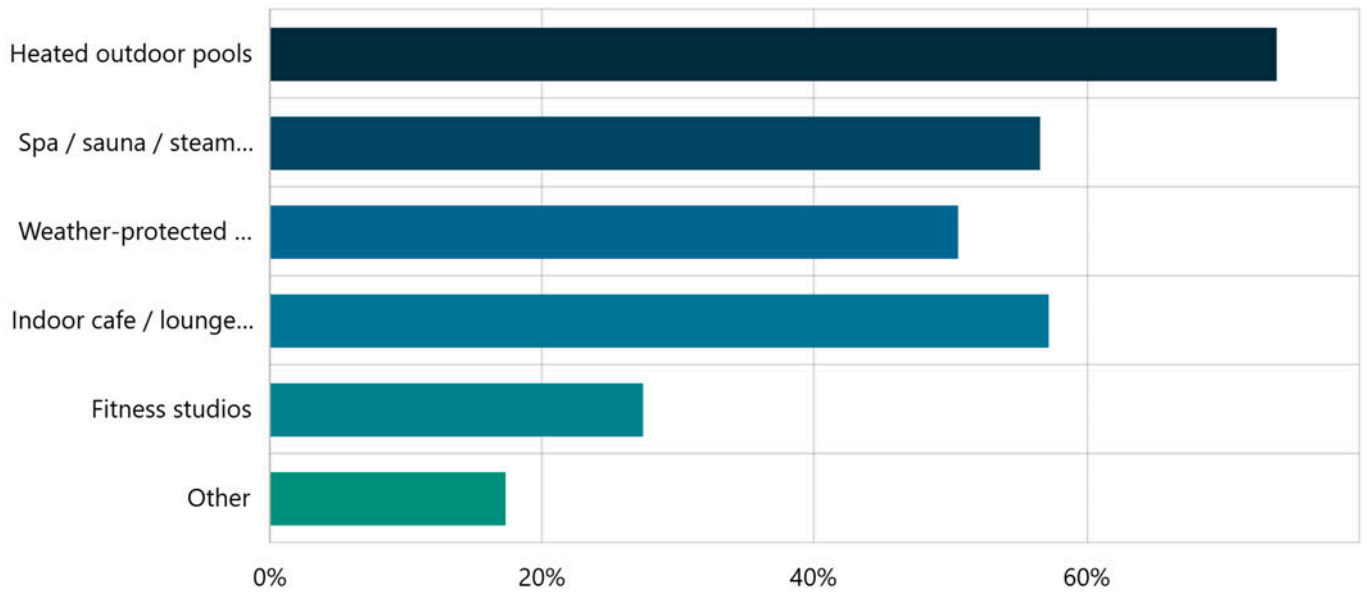
kiddie-pool	0%	1
lazy river	0%	1
Sustainability	0%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

20. What kinds of indoor or all-weather facilities would encourage you to use the centre year-round? Required

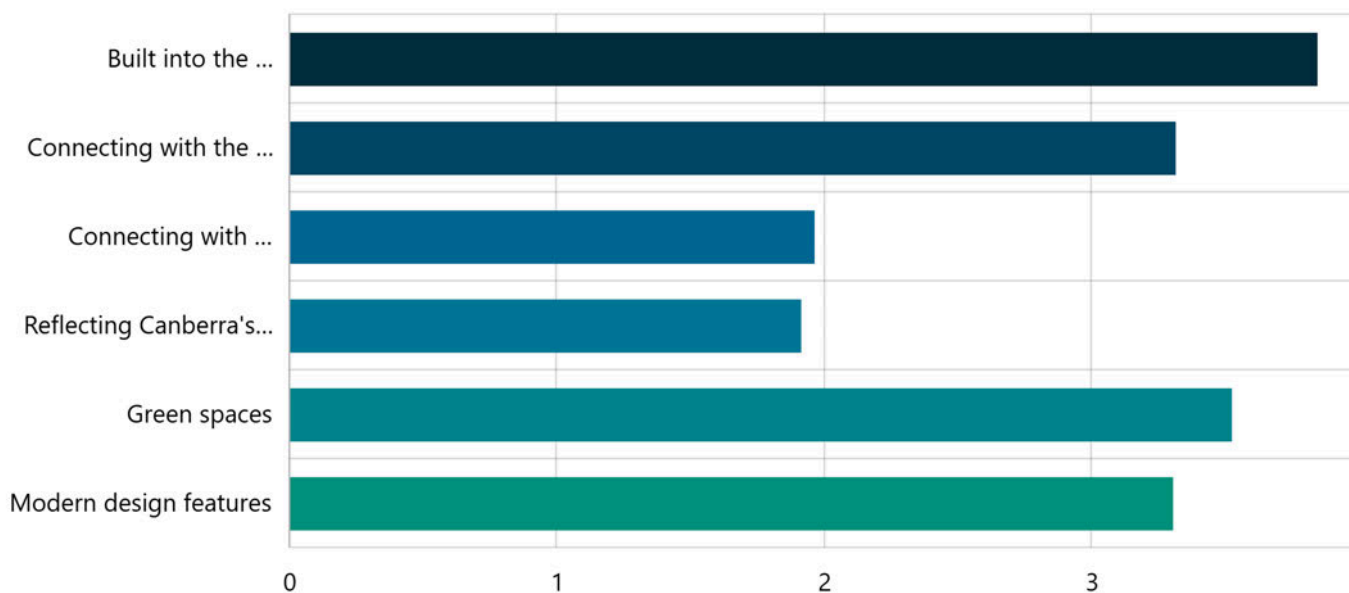
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Heated outdoor pools	73.86%	1,178
Spa / sauna / steam room	56.49%	901
Weather-protected entry points	50.47%	805
Indoor cafe / lounge spaces	57.12%	911
Fitness studios	27.34%	436
Other	17.24%	275

21. What elements are most important for you when it comes to the look and feel of the facility? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,595 (100%)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Built into the existing landscape / landscaped gardens	34.23% 458	24.81% 332	17.94% 240	13.83% 185	5.98% 80	3.21% 43	1,338	3.84	2.42
Connecting with the lake and water	23.44% 297	23.99% 304	19.73% 250	16.73% 212	10.42% 132	5.68% 72	1,267	3.31	2.84
Connecting with Country and First Nations heritage	10.29% 114	10.56% 117	13.00% 144	14.89% 165	19.31% 214	31.95% 354	1,108	1.96	4.18
Reflecting Canberra's legacy as the National Capital	7.43% 83	8.86% 99	12.98% 145	15.76% 176	29.36% 328	25.60% 286	1,117	1.91	4.28
Green spaces	20.31% 279	24.24% 333	22.63% 311	14.99% 206	11.94% 164	5.90% 81	1,374	3.52	2.92
Modern design features	27.43% 364	18.54% 246	15.30% 203	14.62% 194	10.40% 138	13.72% 182	1,327	3.30	3.03

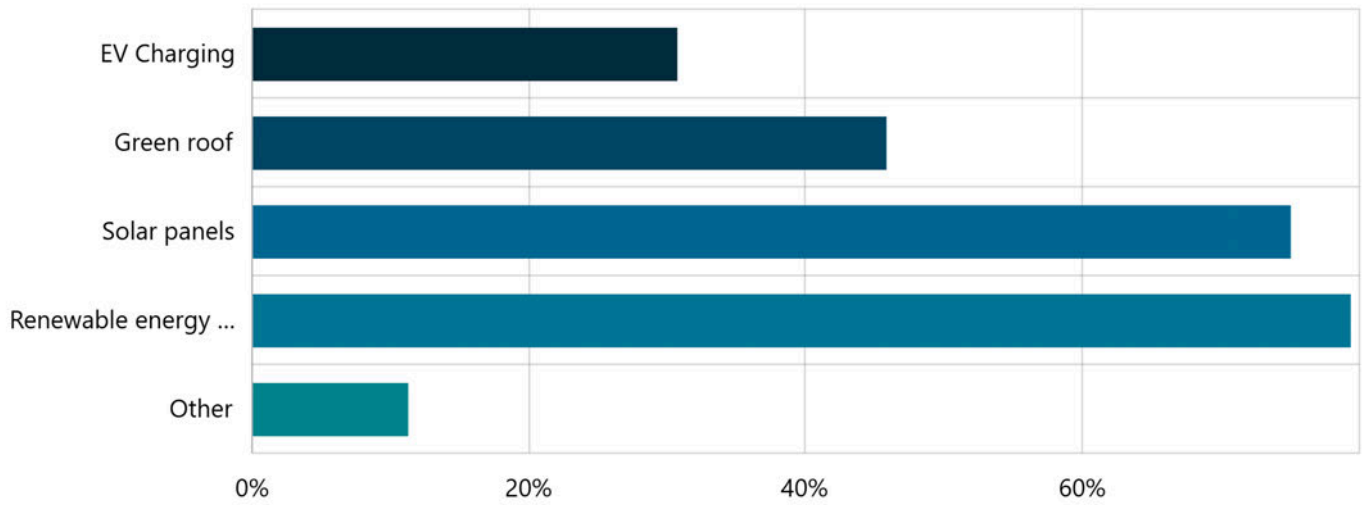
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22. What sustainable and climate friendly features are important to you in the design of the facility? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,595 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
EV Charging	30.66%	489
Green roof	45.77%	730
Solar panels	74.98%	1,196
Renewable energy for heating and cooling	79.31%	1,265
Other	11.22%	179

1. Accessibility (Disability)

- **Parking & Drop-off**
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Emphasized plenty of disabled parking near the entrance and safe, sheltered drop-off zones for carers and community vehicles.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Tuggeranong pool's 6–8 disabled spaces are always full; need more spaces for hydrotherapy users and families.
 - schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii) Drop-off should be flat, shaded, and well-lit for safety.
 - **Change Rooms**
 - schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii) Separate change rooms for staff and clients to maintain dignity and safety.
 - schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii) At least one accessible change room with hoist for people with high needs.
 - **Wayfinding**
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Include Braille, pictograms, and high-contrast signage; mark level changes visually for compliance and safety.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Use pictures rather than text for multilingual accessibility.
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2. Active Travel / Pedestrian Access

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**
 - Secure, visible bike parking (avoid “dark corners”).
 - Integration with light rail and bus stops; safe, well-lit pathways.
 - Suggest cargo bike facilities for families and hub-and-spoke network.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** : Suggested EV charging bays and car-share drop-off zones.
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3. Hydrotherapy / Rehab

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Hydrotherapy pool is essential for arthritis and rehab; needs priority parking and easy access.
 - Raised as a critical inclusion across multiple comments.
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4. Multicultural and social inclusion

- schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
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schedule 2.2(a)(ii) Women-only sessions and multi-faith prayer room (neutral design, carpeted, shoe-free).
- schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
schedule 2.2(a)(ii) Women-only access important for Muslim women.

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Affordability is a major barrier; suggested discounted entry, free trial days, and community-led programs.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Highlighted tragic drownings among refugee youth; stressed importance of swimming lessons and culturally sensitive outreach.
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5. Functional design and amenity

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Spaces for carers to connect socially, not just sit in bleachers.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Staff-only change rooms for safety.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Emphasized natural light and connection to nature; avoid “concrete monolith.”
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Ensure gentle level changes and clear wayfinding.
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6. Operations and programming

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Raised sensory-friendly hours and women-only sessions as operational considerations.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Suggested community days and come-and-try events to build comfort.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Warned that commercial operators may prioritize profit over inclusion.
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7. Parking

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Car is “king” for families and disabled users; site is not close to housing.
 - **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Suggested integrated ticketing for park-and-ride to encourage public transport.
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8. Heritage / Environment

- *Patrick Atkinson (Project Director)*: Respect Commonwealth Park’s indigenous and European heritage.
 - Maintain biodiversity (gang-gangs, superb parrots).
 - Design for energy efficiency to reduce operational costs.
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Recurring Priorities

- Accessibility and inclusion are non-negotiable.
- Parking and transport integration are critical.
- Hydrotherapy and culturally sensitive programming are high-value.
- Affordability and community connection strongly influence uptake.

Activity 1: Exploring needs and aspirations

Question: *What features or facilities would make the aquatic centre welcoming, inclusive, and accessible?*

Key themes & comments

- **Accessibility and parking**
 - Disability parking “in excess” – current facilities never have enough.
 - Safe, sheltered waiting areas for pickups.
 - Easy car parking, including accessible spaces.
 - Free parking for those who need to drive in.
- **Active travel**
 - Light rail connections and convenient public transport.
 - Secure bike parking to prevent theft/vandalism.
 - EV charging bays.
- **Change rooms**
 - Accessible change rooms with mobility aids.
 - Separate change rooms for support workers vs clients (especially hydrotherapy).
 - Gender-neutral and family change rooms.
 - Private spaces for women with cultural needs (not toilets).
- **Hydrotherapy**
 - Dedicated hydrotherapy pool, separate from main pool for privacy.
 - Hoists in bathrooms and hydrotherapy areas.
 - Onsen-style hot water pool.
- **Social and cultural inclusion**
 - Women-only swimming lessons and hours.
 - Community noticeboard.
 - Welcoming entrance with colourful artwork to reduce anxiety for multicultural communities.
- **Amenities**
 - Kids splash/play area.
 - Large birthday party rooms.
 - Physio and massage facilities.

- Locker and storage facilities.
- **Design and comfort**
 - Smaller spaces with good acoustics.
 - Separate air volume for gym vs pool hall.
 - Comfortable supervision spaces for parents.
- **Sustainability**
 - Water recycling.
 - Energy-efficient solar panels.
 - Natural ventilation.

Activity 3: Connecting with your community

Question: *What would make this a place your community feels proud of and connected to?*

Key themes & comments

- **Social spaces**
 - Meeting nooks, party rooms, and café.
 - Spaces for parents with young children away from the pool.
 - Grass and free spaces for outdoor activities.
- **Cultural Inclusion**
 - Multi-faith prayer room (carpeted, no shoes, neutral design).
 - Clear signage and wayfinding using pictures/icons for language accessibility.
- **Programming**
 - Workshop rooms for water safety sessions and community classes.
 - Year-round usability (shade in summer, warm indoor spaces in winter).
- **Design**
 - Vibrant, colourful entrance (avoid clinical feel).
 - Gentle level changes (DDA compliance).
 - Connection to natural environment (lake views, greenery).
- **Examples referenced**
 - Gunyama Park Aquatic Centre (Sydney).
 - Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre.

Activity 4: Gap analysis

Question: *Are there features missing from Canberra's current aquatic facilities network?*

Key themes & comments

- **Hydrotherapy**
 - Must be equally accessible (no premium pricing or exclusive bookings).
- **Affordability**
 - Free “come and try” classes.
 - Capped entry fees for large families.
 - Equity fund for low-income or temporary visa holders.
- **Learn to Swim**
 - Accessible and affordable programs for new migrants.
 - Women-only classes.
 - Discounted rates for women's programs.
- **Safety and education**
 - Promote water safety in multicultural communities via trusted leaders.
- **Facilities**
 - Private lockable changing rooms.
 - Sauna facilities.
 - Reconfigurable pools (flexible lane arrangements).
 - Interpretive elements for kids (e.g., underwater pictures).
- **Design**
 - Comfort: air temperature, shade, warmth.
 - Separate air volume for pool hall.
 - Landscaped outdoor areas.

schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

- Access
 - Come off comm ave directly or Albert St
 - Providing unfettered access for all people
 - Reenvision the entry into commonwealth park
 - Could change the configuration of Albert street but won't change the function of it – left in, left out
 - Maintain Barrine Drive –schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
 - Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) cars need to be able to access the front door
 - schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
 - Major event access for events schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
 - May be short term changes to roads
- Parking
 - Will the centre have its own car park or will it have a shared carpark as it is now
 - Recognises importance of public transport integration
 - Kiss n ride and drop off functions
 - Agrees that pedestrian and public transport access is so important
 - A level of service that needs to be accommodated in Comm Park, not just at the pool
 - Conversations need to be had with NCA about who will operate the car park
- Location – considered going closer to the lake?
 - From a transport perspective, it makes sense and the connection to the city
- Food and beverage centre at the aquatic centre
 - Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
 - Keep schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
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schedule 2.2(a)(ii) looped in when the tenure of F&B operations
- Could it be a competition pool?
 - We hope to allow for a certain level of competition
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- The scale of the building
 - The site is part of national standard heritage trigger and there is guidance about what is acceptable in the area, nothing taller than the existing vegetation of the park
 - Number of seats? Even for school carnival seating levels
 - That will respond to what

- Who will make the final call? Understanding that there is probably a voice asking for an Olympic standard
- Government
- We have the design stream and the business case stream that will unpack the needs analysis and the outcomes of these two streams will go to Cabinet for consideration for final scope of the project
- We want to find what is most appropriate for the site and its neighbours
- The land has a carrying capacity base on the ground conditions and everything else.
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- Kept updated when the design develops particularly around decisions to be agreed to by stakeholders
- Within 6 months is when we'll be coming back with concrete designs on the table – key functions and logistics of parking and access are considered
- Event frequency and size
- Hours of operation
- Saturday is the busiest day (Friday Saturday Sunday are busiest days)
- Business partnership plan needed for these businesses?
- No night work is the preference
- Ceremony site for couples is outdoors – cranes and construction noise could impact business and rev
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- Construction timeline

schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

- Residence for a number of people
 - How many people living on site? 3 perm residents, can go up to 5
 - How do they get onto the site?
 - **Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**
 - Events? No -
- How are you anticipating the pool area-built form with interact **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** long common boundary. **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**
- “Holding yard” – vacant block **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**
- Locked gate at the “paddock” on the boundary, **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**
- Master planning is the key success planning
 - Dda access
 - Integration with public transport

Important to be consulted during the design process, to understand impacts to the shared boundary.

How the building responds to the topography and how it fits within the landscape is how to minimise the bulk and scale of the structure of the

Formalise pedestrian accesses in and around **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**

Change in this area – high density residential on New Acton, will there be a nighttime precinct for concerts/events. How will this change the functionality of the park across the landscape ?

NCA’s plans to bring the city to the foreshore. The NCP doesn’t identify land uses that aren’t part of another facility. Standard compositions of pool and gym etc. but only where they sit with the primary land use. A facility that enlivens the lake. Minimise “wholesale changes” to the environment (social).

Parking – ACTG provided feedback to the NCA plan that wanted basement parking, we acknowledge that we are not the regulator of parking but we are advocating for other investments – Parkes Way pedestrian bridges and focusing our attention on those who can’t access via pedestrian access or off peak hours. A high-functioning kiss and ride drop off point.

As we get further through the design phases, we’ll have more granular conversations.

Are there other sites that are being used as an exemplar – Parramatta pool designers

Will this be an outside pool? There will be an indoor and outdoor element. People want both but we want to make sure we have year-round useability

How does the Zoning working in CommPark, change of zoning between NCA and ACT land? No to our knowledge. A big part of it is how we determine

Looking forward to it – exciting project

Events ACT

- Dig out EventsACT's sub to NCA
- Construction timeline: contract towards the end of 2026
- 2027 is Floriade's 40th Anniversary – planning for this event will start early 2026
- Can we make considerations for this event?
- This needs to be considered in the Business Case
- If they need to move Floriade they can
- Bottom part of the site to likely be untouched
- Logistics during event mode
- 15x15m marquee in drone shot
- EventsACT use the [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) carpark during bump in and event and
- Regatta Place in main access point for every single delivery need, arts, arterial route in and out, from March through to November, early December when the park gets handed back to the NCA
- Understanding these uses helps us make plans if the project delivery would
- Concerns about people with accessibility needs getting to the park. Disability access is within investigation zone, they need 50 places at Floriade during the event, which is separate to [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
[schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Where will disability parking people be able to access the park
- Previously tried to use COP parking but the pedestrian bridge is dog shit
- Is there an op for through scope or business case, that the non-compliant foot bridge be replaced
- 42% of visitors – people who come from interstate don't understand the parking, dropping a pin takes them to regatta point. Can we put a notice in google that is people drop the Floriade pin they're told there is no parking there
- At least 2 years of construction
- We're committed to improving pedestrian access to improve the walkability of the area
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- The relationship between the

Other events

- New years eve. Now that there is a fence along parkes way – getting people out after the 9pm fireworks will be a nightmare
- Sky fire
- Aus day fly over

- People bottle-necked at the bridge so badly that they were making unsafe decisions to cross parkes way

EventsACT have offered to do a deep dive into the feedback they provided to NCA from an events delivery perspective

iCBR to consider how we stage works, understanding floriade is a quarter of the construction window. Concerns about dragging the project out so it doesn't impact multiple years

Can we get floral hoarding?

EventsACT to send timeframes, landscape design work will start in june 2026 for floriade 2027

Highlight importance of the pedestrian bridge to event delivery

schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
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schedule 2.2(a)(ii) **notes - Meeting 11/12/2025 – 3:30 – 4:30pm**

iCBR reps:

- Patrick Atkinson (Project Director)
- Laura Jack (C&E Director)

schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

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Items raised schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

- Concern/interest point:
 - o Impact of parking available on the site and how that encourages driving/parking behaviour that saturates the road network and impacts Comm Ave bridge and the traffic flow in the area.
- Interest point:
 - o CRA interactions and consideration of network holistically across the Acton/Comm Park area.
- Interest point:
 - o How is parking managed if it is limited numbers (e.g. Disability access, people with genuine disability concerns able to access parking)
- Interest point:
 - o Southside travellers accessing facility via Albert Street (turning left, following around Barrine Dr through shared zone and up to Regatta point)
- Comms point:
 - o Building for the future – how can we message this effectively? How can we message the future focussed nature of the project and the benefits/what the transport network will look like when the project is complete.
- Shift mentality / messaging:
 - o Each facility doesn't need its own designated parking – how can we message about/support planning holistically for parking within a broad area (City & Acton Waterfront)

iCBR and schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - Meeting Notes

Subject schedule 2.2(a)(ii) and Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) – Canberra Aquatic Centre

Date 29 July 2025, 9:30 – 10:00

Location XXXX

Attendee Name	Initials	Position/Organisation
Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	█	█
Faheem Khan	FK	Executive Group Manager, Delivery – Places and Spaces – Infrastructure Canberra
Patrick Atkinson	PA	Project Director, Canberra Aquatic Centre – Infrastructure Canberra

Meeting Notes and Summary

Discussion

- schedule schedule shared background to the submission on the National Capital Authority (NCA) vision and **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**) role nationally and regionally in advocating for swimming from learn-to-swim through to elite pathways/programs.
 - schedule schedule also advocates on behalf of other aquatic sports such as diving and water polo.
 - schedule schedule is highly supportive of the project and is eager to provide input into the design development process.
 - schedule schedule was keen to understand the status of the project to understand what opportunities exist to contribute.
- Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) outlined the early stage of the project noting that we have the benefit of leveraging off the NCA's consultation process.
 - The team is developing a broader stakeholder engagement strategy that will highlight further opportunities to engage with peak bodies.
- iCBR outlined that the preferred site has been identified in Commonwealth Park and that due diligence has commenced.
 - We highlighted that the site presents both opportunities and constraints (specifically citing ground conditions, enabling infrastructure and car parking as key considerations).
- iCBR outlined that the joint commitment for the project by the ACT and Australian governments sets the budget and delivery timeframe for the project.
 - The design development methodology will illustrate what scope is possible within the funding envelope. Funding is fixed.
 - Design development will need to consider a broad range of views as to function and scope.
- iCBR highlighted that the business case will consider demand across the sports and recreation network alongside emerging opportunities such as the joint work on the AIS and Bruce Precinct.
- schedule schedule responded to this feedback, noting that the scope outlined in the schedule schedule submission on the NCA Vision was to achieve a national standard facility and there may be other tiers of regional events that could be accommodated within the scope:

Meeting Notes and Summary

- The AIS facility is not fit-for-purpose for ACT regional events, and reiterated that the project could contribute towards smaller regional events as opposed to national events.
- The lack of starting blocks in the Parramatta project was highlighted as an example of a similar missed opportunity.
- The North Sydney project was highlighted as one that didn't go well through the design and delivery process from an [schedule](#) perspective.
- iCBR committed to continuing to engage with [schedule](#) once the broader stakeholder engagement strategy was settled.
- [schedule](#) appeared pleased with the dialogue and eager to continue to engage.

Actions / Follow-up

- Meeting scheduled between the [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) for 25 August 2025.
- iCBR to finalise stakeholder engagement strategy and follow up with [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) for further consultation as project design progresses.

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Transcribed notes – Belconnen – 6.11.25

1.

- Timeline
- Space?
- Programs
- Public transport to get there

2.

- New arrival looking for info
- Laps
- Place of calm
- Community focus - Canberra has been friendly
- Flexible opening times
- Public transport priority
- Not fussed on indoor /outdoor
- Not fussed on additional amenities/cafes.

3.

- New pool - modern approach
- Chlorine levels affect skin, hair & eyes - uncomfortable experience
- Prefer outdoor pool
- Size & Space priority

4.

- New to Canberra
- Female only classes- wearing hijab – concerns
- Family - kids swimming lessons
- Space to rest after or in between lessons
- Lockers - safety & security
- Family changerooms
- Macquarie pool in Sydney
- Clean & hygienic
- Parking
- Prayer room / calm room / multipurpose room
- Changerooms - cleanliness, hygiene
- Willing to travel for amenities - changeroom size
- Kids swimming lessons
- More middle depth option
- Dickson had a great outdoor area
- Good lap pool
- Availability
- Deep dive pool
- Beach volleyball
- Parking

Canberra Aquatic Centre Workshop – Summary

Canberra Aquatic Centre Workshop – Key Themes and Speaker Attribution

1. Functional Design and Sport Requirements

- Pool depth and flexibility

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Concern about proper depth for diving and water polo; noted current pools cannot accommodate touch pads without losing 50m length.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Minimum depth requirement of 3.5m; flagged risk if site geology limits excavation.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** : Warned about functional limitations if site constraints prevent adequate depth for diving and safe use of starting blocks.

- Diving facilities

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Emphasised retaining springboards and platforms (including 10m); noted public recreational use.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** : Suggested flexibility in signalling (flags instead of whistles) for sensory needs.

- Multi-use design

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Advocated for shared-use design; water polo can coexist with other sports in deep pools.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** : Highlighted that aquatic sports already share facilities and adapt to non-purpose-built pools.

2. Competition and Event Capability

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Stressed importance of designing for competitions to enable revenue streams.
- Patrick Atkinson: Confirmed seating for event mode is a known gap at AIS; new centre should address this.

3. Accessibility and Inclusion

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** Raised safety concerns about stairs to diving boards; urged engagement with access consultants.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)** : Shared feedback from disability and multicultural groups on sensory-friendly sessions and safe circulation.

4. Location and Site Constraints

- Patrick Atkinson: Explained geotechnical challenges (hard rock, water table near Lake

Burley Griffin) and cost implications.

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Questioned risk of compromising features due to site limitations; suggested prioritising needs before locking location.

5. Environmental and Heritage Considerations

- Patrick Atkinson: Highlighted ecological values (gang-gang cockatoos, fruit bats) and Indigenous/European heritage; committed to sustainability (6-star rating target).

6. Non-pool Amenities

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Reported strong community interest in change rooms, cafés, and circulation spaces.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Suggested creative design for future upgrades (modular approach).

7. Lifesaving and Emergency Services

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Flagged need for deep water (~5m) for rescue and emergency training.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Represented lifesaving/nippers programs using current facilities.

8. Strategic Planning Concerns

- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Urged involvement in future aquatic strategy; warned against “boutique” design.
- Patrick Atkinson: Confirmed current strategy (2013) is outdated; new strategy under development.

9. Budget and Future-proofing

- Patrick Atkinson: Reiterated fixed \$137.8M total project budget; compromises inevitable.
- **schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**: Requested creative design to allow future additions (e.g., dive boards in all pools).

Transcribed notes – Dickson – 3.11.25

- Family friendly spaces
- Consider people who travel during cold months/early in the morning
- Pedestrian underpass from the Pool to the West Basin
- Family changerooms
- Minimal carparking should be included – encourage people to use Public Transport
- Consider a school bus drop off zone close to facility for carnivals etc
- Attractive design is important
- Water parks
- The location is inaccessible
- How will public transport be used during peak times (e.g. Floriade)
- Support for the project
- Parking should be considered

Transcribed notes – LGB – 1.11.25

1.

- Xmas party - bookable facilities
- Covered/ shaded shallow
- Location – reg
- Queues
- Club fundraising kiosk
- Changeroom seen to after
- Café tucked away after
- Competition vs. spectator
- Stromlo seating uncomfortable
- Parking
- AIS not for spectator – training only
- SOLPIC – seating is good
- Operational – events & public use
- ANU radio interview
- ‘Spectator experience’

2.

- Stromlo is great.
- Enclosed
- Shallow floor in 50m (graded)
- Water running in 50m
- Exercises in shallow pool, 25 is shallow

3.

- Outdoor pool vibes 50m
- accessibility for residents-easy to get.
- Operational

4.

- 50m pool-lane availability @ 50m
- (Parting) fees sometimes more than entry

5.

- Location – reg

6.

- Clean water in the lake.

7.

- Kids area
- Lap pool (speed lanes)
- Options of 50m & 25m
- Shallow warm pool – kids and rehab
- Noisy with kids near laps
- Slides

8.

- Manuka - outdoors
- Stromlo is great
- Free on Friday & weekend - accessible prices
- Promote healthy lifestyle
- Clean the lake - water abstraction charge
- Cafe offering needs to be high quality
- Outdoor heated - solar
- Acoustics
- Engagement with new migrants – [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) . UK
- Sustainability
- Public transport & bike facilities
- Pedestrian pathways

9.

- [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) - driving academy
- Dive pool with 5m deep pool
- Underwater rugby
- Scuba
- Nippers
- 10m 2x 3m 2x 1m

- Springboards vs towers
- Stromlo Phase 2 dive pool
- Gap in service between removing diving from COP and Stromlo
- Gold Coast sports tourism
- Movable floors
- Saturday morning diving
- Recreational diving
- Idea tag
- 10m = comp 2/4 yo
- 5m training
- Fina rules
- Indoor to keep skills up
- Springboard diving & platform diving are different stages of service delivery
- 5m depth is more important than height of platforms
- Safe risk-taking new use
- Lightning ridge
- Semi outdoor pool in Summer
- Sliding partitions at COP
- Parking
- Gold Coast pool & dry land
- Diving requirement matrix
- Intersectionality between pool needs
- Opportunities for scalability
- Dry land tramps & pits
- Patronage affected by pool not trading year round

10.

- Indoor & outdoor
- Breadth lanes
- Steam room & Sauna
- Gym & fitness facilities.
- Wollongong Universities

- Monash Universities
- Splash Park

Transcribed notes – Stromlo 2 – 29.10.25

1.

- Swap between, not just community groups
- CISAC water quality poor
- COP test water quality multiple times per day
- Diving pool lesson popular with kids
- Prefer current location
- No stadium. Colacted
- NCA involvement in location
- Parking

2.

- Touchpads Sem
- International comp level
- Diving pool
- Locals are training in Syd & GC cos of facilities
- Depth for sports
- Moveable floor
- Under water rugby
- Parking availability
- Pedestrians
- Landscape & visual
- [schedule 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) – swimmable city in Southern Hemisphere
- Healthy café, not just chips
- Fitness facilities (link to Fitness pass, clublime / anytime fitness) + flexibility
- Belgravia – call lines not locals, prefer local operator who knows pools
- Rehab users
- Pregnancy access

Survey

- Adult swimming
- Rehab
- Sports
- Parramatta pool lovely outdoor all year

- London green
- Separate lanes for elderly
- Million dollars to investigate a drowning (legal/coroners)
- Water safety & survival skills
- 50m for water safety
- Emergency responder qualification
- Compulsory curriculum in schools
- Carnivals less frequent
- Philip pool heating – case study

3.

- Non-slip flooring @ Strombo – CISAC flooring good
- AIS cleanliness
- 50m pool
- Café facilities
- Dickson – pollen

4.

- Gentle exercise program
- Fitness program @ Stromlo
- Rehab
- Operational – hydro is only for schedule 2.2(schedule 2.2(schedule 2.2(
- Warm, shallow pool
- School priority – access to pool availability
- One lane available
- Notifications & laves available (via email to events)
- Ramp into warm pool – ladder on both sides
- Run sessions in first lane
- Ropes are issue with rehab
- Gym
- Splash

5.

- 50 m

- Diving board
- Gym + pool membership combine
- Lunchtime swim @ COP
- Triathlon group use
- Draining change table in family
- Dry floor areas in change room
- Café offering – closes too early

6.

- Lunchtime swim in the city
- 50m pool all year-round - limited 50m form access
- Midday 50m access
- Lagoon pool with graded entry - warmer
- Shade over outdoor splash area
- Grassy areas around pool (“eyes on”)
- Lagoon pool Newcastle – case study
- Family changeroom provision Stromlo is not enough
- Café
- Queanbeyan pool – concrete & grass
- Stromlo is slippery
- Sauna
- How will the splash area be used in winter

Bel Staff

- Hoists in all disability changeroom
- More than 2x wheel chairs
- “Leisure centre”
- Not many aquatic-only memberships
- Numatic tap
- Poor visibility – pool walls

schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

More clarity about where the pitch is sitting – and how they correlate to the issues raised in the submission

A place that is great for both wildlife and people

- Is the site absolute? This is the site where we have done the due diligence, for us it's about making sure the scope and design is responsive to values and needs of the site
- Bats pollenate the forest – the population is already reducing
- They're coming into the cities more to find food
- Flying fox camps in Syd and Melb this last autumn, they had to nudge them out of the botanic gardens. Got rid of them because they were impacting on the trees. Cost approx. \$2m to move them.
- Syd 25 year contract to keep dispersing them back out of the bot gardens
- Bats don't migrate and they move in about every evening
- Up to 6000 over the summer period
- Not concerned about them leaving comm park, concerned about them staying.
- Bats have no masters
- Number of camps in the city are increasing
- What other possible places might they establish in CBR, but they won't move
- They won't move just cos we build a pool
- People's attitude toward the bats – concerns about human conflict, people not liking the bat being around if the bats use the water
- In an ideal world we could put it on the other side of NBA
- Working with us to provide education around the species – not just for the pool but also all cbr
- Investigation is not where the camp is.
- Construction is a key time to keep comms open so there is strong education for workers
- Can we do a "Meet our neighbours" piece about interacting with bats?
- No incidence of bats in COP needing rescue
- If you have to have an open water space, on the westerns side with a structure on the eastern side, closer to the camp, it might make them less likely to dip in the pool
- An open pool in this area looks very appealing to the bats
- Understanding flight paths to consider in design

- ACT Environment? Who designed the conservation plan – Nature Conservation – do they sit under CED?
- No other known concerns in the area – beyond the bats
- Come to them to do work

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CIT

1.

- indoor
- shallow railing pool for disability / rehab
- Townsville - Tobrook
- Café with visibility
- Lockers

Aqua

- hydrotherapy
- lockers
- hoists

2.

- Accessible signs – accessibility parking
- 50m x 25m program
- Dickson
- Kids shallow pool – programs for kids
- Pool only free for **NBU**
- Family & play
- Gungahlin indoor and gym
- Spa & sauna
- Lane availability

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Page 1

- Supportive of an aquatic centre
- Keen to get an outdoor pool with water views
- Likes when the pool opens
- CBR demographic shift
- Outdoor heated pool
- Multi-use
- Appeal to tourists
- Population explosion
- New CAC to cater for population increase

Page 2

- External hire the kids
- Indoor for training
- Parking cost & parking availability
- Problems accessing AIS
- Not happy to pay to stay healthy
- Low to incentivise stay healthy to stay out of hospital
- Not happy about timing in NSW

Page 3

- Parking is a problem
- Physio / wellness
- Comes all the way from Sutton, NSW
- Wellness: physio/massage recovery, older users not young users
- Paying for parking is not happy
- Doesn't like stuffy humid environment of indoor pool
- Smell of chemicals & chlorine
- As outdoor as possible to reduce the stuffy humid feel

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- Regular user
- 50m pool

- Gym + yoga classes
- Secure EFT
- Massage & post recovery
- Wellness spaces
- Breath work class
- Current class area too small
- Population increase
- High density design
- Like AQL oval
- Overall sports centre
- Would like to see oval close
- Leave as aquatic

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- They like the concept plan
- Bus stop, ideally for buses to/from Civic
- Regular user for decades
- Outdoor volleyball courts
- Diving board

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- Wants to keep the same location
- Foolish to let go of this & build elsewhere
- Car parking
- Noise from major transport corridor
- Year round
- Indoor pool & outdoor pool
- Queanbeyan pool good model
- 25m indoor pool
- Diving pool
- Design features nostalgia
- The outdoor umbrellas
- Unique architecture

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- Old pool terribly impractical

- Only trains 5 months per week
- Under water empty indoor diving facility described the diving pool as iconic
- All demand on aquatic facilities increases in summer
- AIS is not a community facility
- Friends of CBR Olympic pool
- 50m year round pool
- In CBR – considering the depth of winter is not practical to have outdoor pool
- Melbourne sports & aquatic centre
- Competition standard

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- Lots of swimming clubs in the 70s
- Not enough facilities to train in CBR for kids
- CBR not producing champions
- Don't lose sight of training
- Civic pride
- Don't forget people who are exercising
- Infrastructure need to include sports & training
- Inspiration
- Champions
- Role models
- Heritage
- Legacy
- Doesn't give a damn about kids & sports
- ACT Gov does not understand anger & grief

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- Older pool users
- Gym big enough for classes - Sometimes up to 29 in Zumba in a separate room - 26 classes per week
- There is demand for
 - Seniors & pilates
 - HIIT classes
- Outdoor pool inspiration – Bendigo pool
- Kids between 10–17 outdoor setups
- 50m lap pool

- Separate outdoor pool
- Diving pool heritage - Want moved to new CAC
- Open sides of indoor pool
- Parking & end of trip facilities
- Older people note population increase