



Your Say
Adelaide

DRAFT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Consultation on the draft 2024 Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

Consultation closes **5:00pm, Friday 10 May 2024**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Between October 2021 and November 2021, the City of Adelaide undertook an engagement process with our community to better understand and measure levels of satisfaction for the services provided by all our infrastructure assets.

The insights from the survey have been utilised to identify where current levels of service are not meeting the community's expectation, to then enable recommendations to be made to Council regarding how our assets are managed into the future through the development of Asset Management Plans.

The purpose of this engagement is to close the loop with the community and ask the question, did we get our Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan right?

We have used the insights from the community to develop our draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and ask the question, did we get it right?

Background

The City of Adelaide is responsible for an extensive and diverse asset portfolio valued at more than \$2 billion, which represents a significant investment made over multiple generations. These assets play a vital role in providing essential services to our community and it is critical to ensure these assets continue to be effectively managed to enable ongoing service provision and benefits for both current and future generations.

Our Water Infrastructure portfolio provides critical services which protect the community from heavy rainfall and flood events, conserve the ecological health of our waterways and provide recreational facilities and natural amenity within our Park Lands. These assets include the underground stormwater drainage network, stormwater management devices (e.g. detention basins, gross pollutant traps), Karawirra Pari/River Torrens, Park Lands watercourses, potable and non-potable water distribution systems and sewer infrastructure.

The purpose of an Asset Management Plan is to forecast the cost and timing of required operations, maintenance and renewal activities over a ten-year planning period to ensure we manage our assets to the agreed level of service while managing any associated risks.

Our Strategic Plan sets a vision for Adelaide's future and identifies key focus areas that guide new and upgraded infrastructure priorities to respond to current and future challenges as well as service the evolving needs of the community.

Integrated Delivery Planning ensures we maintain alignment between asset renewal programs and priority new and upgrade initiatives over a 4-year planning period, where priorities are reviewed annually through the Business Plan and Budget.

Timeline

From **9am Tuesday 2 April 2024 until 5pm Friday 10 May 2024** submission forms will be available to provide comment on the Draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (both online and in hard copy).

During the consultation period, two drop-in sessions will be held at our community centres and libraries. The dates and times can be found on page 5 of this pack.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Asset?

City of Adelaide defines an asset as a physical resource owned or under the care, control and management of Council that contributes to the community's needs for access to major economic and social facilities. Assets include stormwater and drainage, streets and transportation infrastructure, buildings, lighting and electrical infrastructure, Park Lands and open space areas (including street trees) and urban elements.

What is Asset Management?

In simple terms, asset management is all about how we manage assets throughout their life, on both a day-to-day basis as well as in the medium and long term. The objective of Asset Management is to provide assets that service the needs of the community, at the agreed level of service and at the lowest lifecycle cost. To enable this, it is important to understand:

- How our assets are performing
- How our assets are operated and maintained
- When our assets are renewed
- When we should consider upgrading existing assets or constructing new assets
- How funding for new and upgraded assets is prioritised
- When we should consider disposing underperforming or underutilised assets

Effective asset management and sustainable financial planning requires a balance between the maintenance and renewal of existing assets and the delivery of new and upgraded assets.

Why does Council have Asset Management Plans?

Under South Australia's Local Government Act 1999, Councils are required to develop Asset Management Plans for a period of at least 10 years. The City of Adelaide has six Asset Management Plans, which include:

- Transportation
- Urban Elements
- Buildings
- Park Lands and Open Space
- Lighting and Electrical
- Water Infrastructure

What are operational and maintenance activities?

Operations are regular and ongoing activities undertaken on our assets and include asset inspections, stormwater pipe and pit cleansing, removal of waste from gross pollutant traps and water quality testing.

Maintenance activities are works undertaken to ensure our assets are retained as near as practicable to an appropriate service condition and include activities like stormwater pipe and pit repairs.

What is asset renewal?

Asset renewal is generally undertaken when it is no longer cost effective to maintain our assets. It is major capital work which does not significantly alter the original service provided by the asset, but restores, rehabilitates or replaces an existing asset to its original service potential.

Work over and above restoring an asset to original service potential is considered to be an acquisition (or new/upgrade) resulting in additional future operations and maintenance costs.

How do Council prioritise funding upgrade projects?

Opportunities to create new assets and upgrade existing assets are identified from various sources including our strategic plan, corporate strategies and community requests.

Prioritisation and scheduling of new and upgrade projects is undertaken on an annual basis through the business plan and budget process, in consultation with elected members and the community. Key prioritisation criteria include alignment with our Strategic Plan objectives, risk management and financial capacity.

How does the Strategic Plan determine how our assets are managed?

Our Strategic Plan sets a vision for Adelaide's future and identifies key focus areas that guide new and upgraded infrastructure priorities to service the evolving needs to the community and respond to current and future challenges. Integrated Delivery Planning ensures that prudent and efficient decisions are made, with line-of-sight between Council's Strategic Plan objectives and the major infrastructure projects we deliver and ensures alignment (where practical) between asset renewal programs and priority new and upgrade initiatives over a 4-year planning period.

How do I provide my feedback?

You can provide feedback by completing the submission form on the Draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan by **5pm, Friday 10 May 2024**. There are several ways you can do this:

Online: Visit yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au for consultation information and online submission.

Email: Written submissions can be emailed to AssetManagementPlans@cityofadelaide.com.au

In Person: Two drop-in sessions will be held with City of Adelaide staff at the locations below:

- Hutt Street Library: 23 April 2024, 12 noon – 2pm
- North Adelaide Library (Tynte Street): 24 April 2024, 10am – 12 noon

In Writing: Written submissions can be posted to:

Community Consultation

Draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

GPO Box 2252

Adelaide SA 5001

Written submissions can also be taken to the Customer Centre, 25 Pirie Street and to any of our libraries and community centres, during business hours.

If you are posting your submission, please allow sufficient time for Australia Post delivery.

All responses for this consultation must be received by 5pm, Friday 10 May 2024.

What happens next?

Your input is important to us.

All submissions will be acknowledged, either by email or in writing, so that you know your comments have been received.

City of Adelaide staff will collate all feedback into a report that will be presented to Council for consideration as part of finalising the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

For enquires please contact:

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SUBMISSION FORM

Feedback closes **5:00pm, Friday 10 May 2024**

This form can also be completed online at yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au.

Please include your name and residential address to ensure your submission is considered by Council. Formal submissions including names and addresses of respondents may on occasions be made public through reports to Council. Required information is marked with an *asterisk.

*First Name:		*Last Name:	
Email Address:			
*Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable):			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	Year of Birth:	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Play (e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Own a Business	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Council Services & Programs	☐ Open Space & Recreation	☐ City Design, Planning & Development	☐ New & Future Projects
☐ Social & Community Issues	☐ Policy, Budget and Management Plans	☐ Environmental Issues	☐ Arts & Events in the City
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ North Ward	☐ Central Ward	☐ South Ward	

[Your Say Adelaide](https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au) is Council's online consultation website. It is your chance to be kept up-to-date and provide feedback on areas of the City that interest you. Would you like to be signed up to Your Say Adelaide online and be emailed when there is an opportunity to have your say on areas that are of interest to you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q1. Do you support the adoption of the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan?

a) ☐ Yes

b) ☐ No

Comments: