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SOUTH AUSTRALIANS ARE HELPING GUIDE RIVERBANK'S FUTURE

More than 1000 people have taken up the opportunity to share their ideas and vision for Riverbank, which will soon become Adelaide's premier precinct.

Infrastructure Minister Patrick Conlon said he was heartened by the strong response to postcards and an interactive web-based questionnaire, with the Riverbank Master Plan team now well placed to transform the underutilised River Torrens frontage.

"More than 1000 people have now contributed to the Master Plan, all with the aim of creating a place that is memorable, vibrant and ultimately South Australian," Minister Conlon said.

"Incorporating the expansion of the Adelaide Convention Centre, the \$394m investment in the Riverbank Precinct is one of the city's most significant urban renewal initiatives transforming the banks of the River Torrens into an easily accessible entertainment and social hub for everyone to enjoy.

"It will also support and further enhance other developments planned nearby including the Adelaide Oval upgrade and construction of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital," he said.

Between May and June, 1059 people responded to the postcards and innovative questionnaire on what they wanted to see transform the area.

The results showed restaurants, cafes, open spaces and places to enjoy the natural beauty of the area were high on the wish list. Many people said while they would be disappointed if nothing was done, they did not want to see the area compromised by over-development and a loss of the natural elements of the area.

Almost 50 percent of respondents said they would be attracted by festivals, events, arts, culture, leisure, entertainment, shopping and markets in the Precinct. More than 20 percent of people said they would be attracted with more bars, cafes and restaurants. Public transport featured highly, with more than half of respondents wanting to arrive by bus, train or tram.

The feedback from the community has helped to inform the preparation of the draft master plan. The Government is still targeting having the master plan completed late 2011.

Detailed results from the questionnaire can be found at www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/adelaide_riverbank_precinct.

More information on the State Government's vision and plans for the signature precinct can be found at www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/adelaide_riverbank_precinct or by contacting the Project Team on 1300 305 255 or emailing DTEI.RiverbankProjectTeam@sa.gov.au