A new university for South Australia

The establishment of new Adelaide University places South Australia at the forefront of education in Australia. The South Australian Government welcomes the decision by respective councils at University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia to combine the two iconic South Australian institutions.

With our state's research and future workforce needs increasingly dependent on highly skilled workers with university level qualifications, Adelaide University will be vital to ensuring we are growing South Australia economically and investing in our state's future.

Modelling shows Adelaide University has the potential to contribute an estimated additional \$500 million per year to the South Australian economy; educate an estimated more than 70,000 students annually - about 13,000 more than both universities combined today; create an estimated additional 1,200 jobs; generate an estimated nearly \$100 million in additional research revenue every year, assist an additional 800 low socioeconomic students annually pursue higher education; and attract up to 6,000 additional international students contributing \$51,500 annually per student to our state economy.





A message from the Premier and Deputy Premier of South Australia.



Peter Malinauskas, Premier of South Australia

This is a truly historic moment for education in South Australia.

Creating a university for the future will transform South Australian education and the economy and I am delighted this generational opportunity for our state's future has been achieved.

Adelaide University will help us to build our state's talent, creating a high-quality trained workforce with the appropriate skills to deliver the major, nationally significant projects be undertaking in our state.

This new university will focus on teaching more domestic students from a broader range of backgrounds to give young people a chance at a university education if that is what they want.

Adelaide University will create a wholly new contemporary curriculum, with flexible entry requirements and learning aligned to the needs of industry and the professions. This will create something truly special for South Australia.



Heads of Agreement

The new Adelaide University will unlock the benefits of increased collaboration and scale, making transformational investments in both teaching and research more feasible, and will be a stronger attraction for domestic and international students and creative, talented staff. In recognition of the benefits that Adelaide University will have for South Australia, including the economy, the South Australian Government has agreed to provide significant support including: The South Australian Government will develop legislation to establish the new university and will consult with the community prior to introducing it to parliament, with Adelaide University expected to be operational from January 2026.



Purchasing UniSA's entire Magill Campus and lease back to UniSA

Purchasing occupation rights to land at Mawson Lakes, that is surplus to UniSA requirements



Establish a \$200 million Adelaide University Research Fund, managed by Funds SA, with returns allocated to agreed research areas.



Establish a \$100 million Adelaide University Student Support Fund, managed by Funds SA, with returns allocated to support access and education outcomes for students from low-SES backgrounds



\$10 million per annum over three years to attract international students











Government of South Australia