

How the new *Adelaide University* will benefit South Australia

South Australian higher education at a glance

Uplift in the higher education sector will benefit the entire State, especially as SA stands to gain significantly from an increasingly skilled workforce, to support leading future industries of growing importance.



Motivation for university merger in South Australia

- The State's current levels of tertiary education attainment lag the national average and the three current research universities do not have the scale on their own to meet the needs of the State's economy.
- A healthy university sector is essential for future prosperity, as jobs are increasingly dependent on qualifications, technology and innovation, with 9 in 10 jobs created in the next five years requiring post-school qualifications.
- The SA Productivity Commission has suggested that an uplift in SA's higher education sector through a successfully designed and implemented combination of two universities could enhance the State's economy.

Features of the new *Adelaide University*

The underpinning economic logic that drives the amplified impact of the new *Adelaide University* is that it can attract talented staff and students through greater prominence and excellence, increase domestic student participation through an enhanced online offering, and achieve the efficiencies that come from scale.



A distinctive curriculum

The curriculum of the new *Adelaide University* will feature:

- entirely new courses with innovative content design and delivery methods
- stackable programs and flexible entry requirements
- modular courses tailored to meet the needs of a wide range of students
- best of breed selection of online programs to remove physical barriers to participation
- embedded work integrated learning.



Global research

The new university would work across the full value chain of research and across a breadth of domains to:

- strengthen, secure, and diversify the SA and National economies
- become known for its leadership across disciplines including science and technology, health, humanities, business, and regulation
- be a destination of choice for research and academic talent
- nurture the next generation of global leaders
- ensure flexible approaches to translation and intellectual property management.



Accessibility for all

The new *Adelaide University* will be attractive, accessible and welcoming to students from all backgrounds.

- A stronger international presence and expanded recruitment network will bring a diverse international student cohort to Adelaide, projected to be 30-32% of students.
- The new *Adelaide University* will become the second largest educator of low-SES students nationally.
- New scholarships will improve First Nations Peoples' participation in higher education to ensure it is reflective of the population served by SA's educational institutions.



Capacity for innovation

Within Australia's current funding model for higher education, operating scale is the key to unlock investment capacity for innovation and research and provides greater financial stability against disruption.

The new *Adelaide University* will have the scale to deliver better outcomes for students and the SA community and will lead to stronger state and national tertiary education system outcomes more broadly.

What this means for South Australia above and beyond today

Beyond the current combined impact, by 2034 the new *Adelaide University* would contribute even more significantly to enhancing SA's competitiveness through creation of a highly skilled workforce, strengthened skills base for the State's leading future industries, and attraction of investment to the State.



State

+\$500m/year
in addition to SA's economy

Improved university-industry engagement and increased international education exports will bolster State productivity and ensure graduates leave the higher education system with the capabilities, skills and experience needed to succeed in the workforce, filling existing and emerging skills gaps in industry.



Community

+\$77m/year
in added research revenue

Benefits to the community will be realised by doing research that provides broader benefits to South Australia through stimulating knowledge creation, innovation, and practical implementation, tackling societal challenges, and fueling economic growth through the emergence of novel technologies, products, and services.



Students

+2,800 domestic graduates

beyond today's numbers, annually, contributing to future industry skilled jobs aligned to SA skills shortage.

+800/year low-SES students

bridging the gap and empowering those who have encountered obstacles in pursuing higher education.



Staff

+1,200 skilled jobs
created over 10 years

The new *Adelaide University* will create a positive new culture, forming a university with a distinctive, cohesive identity, which leverages the rich histories, heritage, and combined strengths of both the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide to be an employer of choice within SA.