



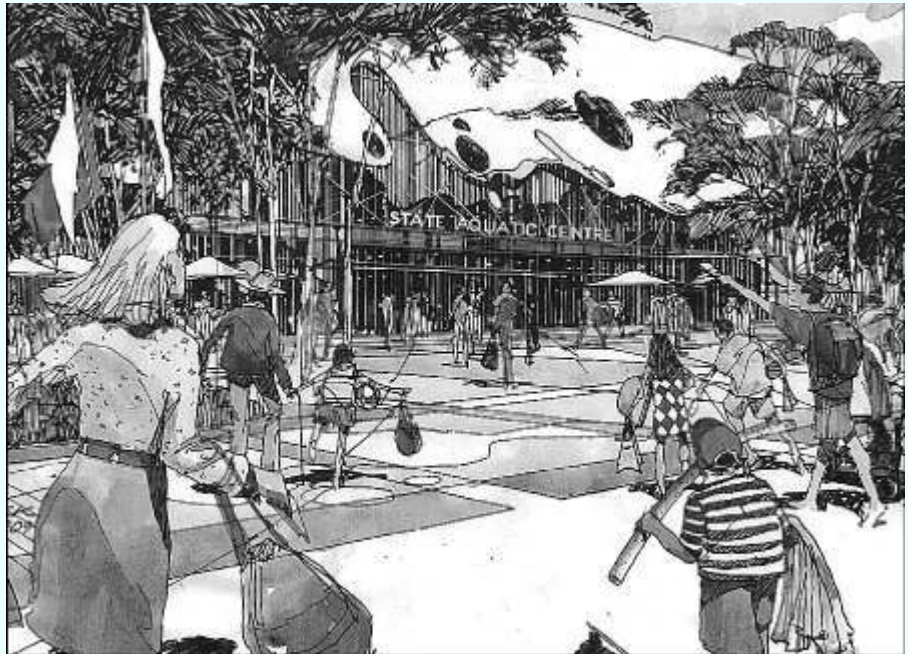
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# Swim centre deal sealed - again



**HAPPY:** Alex Candetti . . . "cutting edge ideas



**WORK IN PROGRESS:** An artist's view of how the State Aquatic Centre could look

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ADELAIDE building company Candetti Constructions has been chosen to build the \$80 million State Aquatic Centre at Marion - for the second time.

Candetti was a member of successful consortium Aqua43, who were chosen to build the pool as a public-private partnership.

But the State Government took over the contract as a capital project after the group "took too long" to replace pool operator Macquarie Leisure.

Sport and Recreation Minister Michael Wright announced that Candetti has been selected as the builder of the project after a second tender process was held.

The builders short-listed for the original PPP in late 2007, Baulderstone and Built Environs, were also invited to tender, but were unsuccessful.

Candetti executive chairman Alex Candetti said the company was looking

forward to developing the state's premier pool. "The State Aquatic Centre development is an incredibly exciting and challenging project," he said.

"Candetti has some innovative and cutting edge ideas planned for the centre, which we believe will make it one of the most innovative swimming facilities in the country, if not the world."

The tender process was delayed by a month because Candetti's work for the PPP process had to be made available to all three tenderers, but "the precise timeframe is still being worked on in an effort to have the works complete by the second half of next year", a spokeswoman for the minister said.

The State Government will own the building - including its connected GP-Plus Clinic - after it is completed next year. It was originally proposed almost eight years ago.