



SUPPORT
NO DAM OPTION
Save Brownhill Creek Valley - Wirraparinga



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Dear Andrew,

I am writing to you on behalf of the No Dam in Brownhill Creek Community Action Group, representing a very concerned community.

It has recently been brought to our group's attention that the important local and state issue of the proposed dam in Brownhill Creek Valley / Wirraparinga, has now become a federal issue. The Stormwater Management Project has approached the Federal Government for funding.

Our group supports the implementation of a Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan, but does not believe that the Federal Government should support or fund a project that includes a dam, for the following reasons:

- The community overwhelmingly oppose it.
- It is only one component of a much larger plan and can be replaced with another ***Recommended Stormwater Management Strategy, Option 3A. It has been established that this option is technically feasible and provides the same level of protection as the building of a dam.***
- The project engineers, Worley Parsons, found that the previous 2006 plan with two 23m high dams would have failed by 50% in a 1 in 100 year flood. The same advisors behind that failed plan are still pushing for a dam in the valley, despite a five council agreement to 'pursue a feasible No Dam solution'.
- The proposed dam does not conform to Federal or State Guidelines on Stormwater Management, due to its negative environmental impacts and obvious failure to address the latest principles in Stormwater Management.
- The proposed dam is opposed by many community groups: Conservation Council SA; The Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association; Community Alliance SA; The National Trust of South Australia; The Friends of Brownhill Creek; Nature Foundation SA and Mitcham Historical Society.

Currently we have over 9,000 signatures on the No Dam petition and our data analysis shows that most signatories live in the electorate of Boothby. Our data base contains up to 3,000 email addresses and we intend to inform these electors of the respective positions of the candidates for the seat of Boothby.

We appreciate that this is a busy time for all concerned, but we are requesting that you please reply in writing to our group, stating whether or not you are opposed to the proposed dam in Brownhill Creek Valley / Wirraparinga.

Best Regards,
Ron Bellchambers.
Spokesperson for the No Dam in Brownhill Creek Community Action Group.