

The Future of Brownhill Creek is in Your Hands!

The restoration of the Brownhill Creek channel is required for all eight flood mitigation options, based on the expert recommendation of the *Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan – Part B Report – 2014* and the BHKCS Project Steering Group. No Dam Option D will rehabilitate the waterway and re-establish the value of Brownhill Creek as a significant NATURAL ASSET for creek owners and our community.

Choose Option D on the Public Consultation Feedback Form

No Dam Option D is the Preferred Option*:

- It provides the required level of flood protection (1 in 100 year).
- It has the *lowest* capital cost and *lowest* ongoing maintenance costs, enabling Part B works to meet budgeted cost estimates.
- It preserves sites of heritage significance.
- It does not require bypass culverts in suburban streets.
- It satisfies the endorsed position of ALL 5 catchment councils to give preference to a feasible 'no dam' solution.

The Restoration of Brownhill Creek will Provide:

- Improved native habitat and biodiversity, with native trees, shrubs and grasses (179 invasive trees will be removed from the creek and *replaced* with suitable native plants on the banks for ALL 8 options. Option D only involves the additional replacement of 50 non-significant trees).
- Sufficient capacity to mitigate occasional high flows through *limited* creek widening of up to one metre in most cases.
- An improvement in water quality and opportunities for groundwater recharge from a natural creek bed.
- A healthy community connection with natural Brownhill Creek.
- A creek that is sought after and cared for by those fortunate enough to have it close to their home.
- Benefits for creek owners: direct flood protection, *no forced easements*, an improved creek environment and the fulfillment of their legal obligations for creek maintenance.

How Can You Help? **

1. Seek *factual* information during the public consultation from May 13 to June 23.
2. **Obtain a Feedback Form:**
From the website: www.bhkcstormwater.com.au
Phone: 1800 468 835
Email: info@bhkcstormwater.com.au
3. **Choose No Dam Option D on your Feedback Form.**
4. Return your completed Feedback Form by 5pm Tuesday, June 23.

* BHKCSMP Part B Report Summary Brochure, page 7.

** Goal 1 of *Our Place, Our Future the State NRM Plan 2012-2017*: "People taking responsibility for natural resources and making informed decisions".

BCA Steering Committee:

Brownhill Creek Association (BCA), incorporated since 1997, has the objective of protecting and enhancing the natural heritage of Brownhill Creek for the enjoyment of the community. Join BCA and make a difference.

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