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The Hon Ian Hunter MLC

Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP
Member for Waite
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Dear  Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 19 August 2016, regarding the Wirraparinga Loop Trail proposed by the Brownhill Creek Association and local community.

I understand that the Wirraparinga Loop Trail is a network of nine kilometres of shared-use trails through private land and State and local government land, including the Brownhill Creek Recreation Park which is managed by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR).

The South Australian Government is supportive of projects that promote local community participation and contribute to vibrant communities, while strengthening habitat restoration. The Wirraparinga Loop Trail is a good example of a community-led project with significant community and environmental benefits.

I am advised that DEWNR will continue to provide advice and expertise to the project. This will include advice regarding the construction of trails and risk management issues. Should a trail head or other signage in Brownhill Recreation Park be required, DEWNR will also provide signage, particularly to reflect links between existing walking trails and the Wirraparinga Loop Trail.

DEWNR will also contribute to the restoration of Brownhill Creek in partnership with Friends of Brownhill Creek and a number of local schools. The Friends of Brownhill Creek group are mostly involved in restoration and rehabilitation projects, as well as revegetation and pest plant control along the creek.

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I understand that the City of Mitcham has recently provided in-principle support for the project. I am further advised that officers from DEWNR, the City of Mitcham and the Office for Recreation and Sport are meeting soon to discuss their perspectives and priorities in relation to the project.

I applaud the work of the Brownhill Creek Association in its enthusiasm and commitment for the Wirraparinga Loop Trail, and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Hunter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

IAN HUNTER MLC

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation

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