

## Flood Facts

Mr Pearce's letter 'Flood Measures' (Mitcham & Hills, May 22) contained emotional rhetoric with little regard for the facts.

With revised rainfall figures and hydrology, the entire \$150million project is now designed to protect 1,500 homes at risk from serious flooding in a 1 in 100 year event.

Part A works (80% of the project) have already been agreed to, addressing the major flooding in the Keswick Creek Catchment (Parklands, Glen Osmond and Keswick Creeks) and lower Brownhill Creek Catchment (below Anzac Highway). Mr Pearce should tell the public that the No Dam/ Dam options only relate to Part B works (20% of the project) above Anzac Highway, in the Unley and Mitcham Council areas.

Mr Pearce's claim that a No Dam option would place "20,000 downstream residents at risk" is completely false. Indications are that less than 50 homes in both Mitcham and Unley combined are at risk from serious flooding in a 1 in 100 year event and a creek upgrade solution has been identified by the project as the preferred option to address this flooding.

A dam in Ellison's Gully has not been identified by the project as "the engineering solution of choice" and the No Dam in Brownhill Creek Community Action Group is leading the way in seeking to preserve the environment and heritage of the entire Brownhill Creek Catchment.

The project is currently engaging with affected creek owners in Mitcham and Unley to find the best way to provide direct flood protection for their properties, while being sensitive to their amenity and preserving or improving the creek environment. At this stage the creek upgrade is both feasible and the cheapest option.

Visit [www.brownhillcreek.org](http://www.brownhillcreek.org) to get the facts and view the overwhelming community support for a No Dam solution.

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