

Creek Upgrade Essential

Bill Mossel's letter 'Creek Dam' (Mitcham & Hills Messenger, 30th April) contained defamatory and inaccurate statements. The No Dam in Brownhill Creek Community Action Group did not gatecrash the Mitcham Council Residents' Meeting on April 9 as he claimed, but sent two officially invited observers. Mr Mossel also claimed that Mitcham Council is being bullied by the No Dam Group, when in fact the council is responding to the majority of the community who clearly oppose the proposed dam. Mitcham Council recently received a No Dam petition with over 10,000 signatories and since 2011 many hundreds of residents have packed local halls and the council chamber to voice their concerns over the destructive dam. Expert professional advice from the project concludes that creek upgrading is required even if a dam is built and that a dam will not protect residents from urban flash flooding (short duration rain events). As a result of updated rainfall figures and revised hydrology, the five councils have agreed to place a 'priority on investigating a creek upgrade solution' and at this stage it is feasible, will provide direct flood protection in all rain events, is the cheapest option and serves the greater good.

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