

MEDIA RELEASE

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Environment and Heritage Groups Support the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project Preferred Option D for Upper Brownhill Creek Flood Mitigation.

Conservation Council SA, Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association, The National Trust of South Australia, The Wilderness Society South Australia, Mitcham Historical Society, The Friends of Brownhill Creek and Brownhill Creek Association, have jointly released the following statements:

“Our environment and heritage organisations value the technical expertise contained in the *Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan-Part B Report*, and the collaboration and input by the five catchment councils, SA Government and community groups alike that has made this proposed stormwater management strategy possible”.

“We support the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project in preferring the ‘Creek Capacity Upgrade’ Option D, as it provides the required 1 in 100 year level of flood protection in the most cost effective manner, while preserving existing Kaurna and European sites of heritage significance. This includes the preservation of the ‘Seven Pines’, a group of large Stone Pines planted in 1891, identified for their size and cultural significance in the *National Trust Significant Tree Register*”.

“Our groups are delighted that Option D will protect and rehabilitate this valuable riparian zone as a significant natural and cultural asset. It is encouraging that flood mitigation can be achieved along with the protection and improvement of native biodiversity and habitat in Upper Brownhill Creek”.

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