

## All Five Catchment Councils Voted in Favour of No Dam Option D

During their September 2015 round of meetings, all five catchment councils voted in favour of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project recommendation supporting No Dam Option D.

The recommendation was as follows (West Torrens City Council: Council and Standing Committee Minutes, 15 September 2015, page 5):

1. "Having regard to the Notice issued by the Stormwater Management Authority dated 19 May 2015 which requires the Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Unley, Mitcham, and West Torrens to prepare a revised Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) in respect of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Catchment by 30 September 2015; the Part B Report; and community consultation and feedback, **that Council hereby determines that Option D - Creek Capacity Upgrade is the recommended solution for Part B Works** under the Stormwater Management Plan (SMP 2012) given:
  - (a) There is an 85% level of wider community support for Option D from respondents to the community consultation process undertaken on behalf of the project during May and June 2015;
  - (b) Option D has the lowest capital cost, the lowest annual maintenance cost and the lowest present value whole of life cost when compared against the other available options;
  - (c) Option D provides the required level (100 year ARI) of flood protection;
  - (d) For shorter duration storms, Option D provides higher than 100 year ARI level of flood protection;
  - (e) Option D satisfies the project councils' endorsed position to give preference to a 'no dam' solution;
  - (f) Option D does not require bypass culverts in suburban streets;
  - (g) Option D preserves sites of cultural significance; and
  - (h) Option D is within the budgeted cost for Part B Works estimated in the 2012 SMP."

After taking into account the unanimous five council decision, the Stormwater Management Authority has instructed the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Project to complete a revised SMP and present it for final approval in early 2016. You can visit the BHKC Stormwater Project website for information at [www.bhkcstormwater.com.au](http://www.bhkcstormwater.com.au)

Thank you to everyone who has played a role in pursuing a feasible, cost effective and community supported no dam solution that protects our shared environment and heritage. The concluding paragraph of Mitcham Historical Society's public consultation

submission (21 June 2015), written by MHS chairperson Julie Hogan, powerfully sums up the motivation behind the campaign: "We as custodians of our current environment have a duty to make intelligent decisions for the benefit of future generations to come. The history that we have all around us, exists only from the protection and preservation by others before us."

Mitcham Historical Society has played a pivotal role in the 'no dam' campaign, providing intellectual, logistical and financial support, including the opportunity to present the "No Dam in Mitcham News Page" in *Mitcham Memories*. The community is indeed fortunate to have Mitcham Historical Society and its dedicated members.

Brownhill Creek Association Incorporated (BCA) hopes to maintain a close relationship with MHS well into the future, helping to support the documentation, promotion, protection and enhancement of our natural and built heritage.

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