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LABOR COMMITS TO FLOOD MITIGATION FOR BROWN HILL & KESWICK CREEKS

A Shorten Labor Government will deliver on flood mitigation for residents and businesses in the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek catchment.

Labor will support construction of flood protection for local areas affected by flooding from Brown Hill and Keswick.

It is estimated that a major flood of these creeks would cause up to \$122 million in direct damage and affect over 2,000 homes. Labor's commitment will help prevent future damage, saving money and residents' houses.

A major flood could also impact Adelaide Airport and important public infrastructure including road and rail transport across the catchment.

This makes the flood works essential going into the future, as they will prevent further costly flood damage in the long run.

The planned flood works will include:

- South Parklands and Glenside detention basins.
- Lower and mid Brown Hill Creek upgrades.
- Flow diversions from Keswick to Brown Hill Creek.
- Ridge park detention basin.
- Diversion culvert at Goodwood railway junction.
- Glen Osmond Creek upgrade works.
- Mount Osmond interchange dam modification.
- Upgrade of upper Brown Hill Creek.

Local Government has proposed this plan, including a three-way funding split between federal, state and local governments.



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The South Australian Government is supportive of resolving the longstanding issue and is currently considering the plan through the Stormwater Management Authority.

The total cost of these works is \$140 million and Federal Labor's commitment delivers on around a third of that, \$44million, over the 20 year life of the project.

"It's absolutely essential that residents are protected from dangerous and damaging floods that can cause heartache and huge economic damage," Member for Adelaide Kate Ellis said today.

"This investment will help avoid costly damage to thousands of homes in the region, as well as important public infrastructure."

"I've been a strong supporter of this essential project and it's great to see Labor backing it," said Steve Georganas, Candidate for Hindmarsh.

"I have lived in the Hindmarsh electorate my entire life, and I know many of its residents are concerned about the effects of a flood on their homes and businesses.

"In addition to protecting homes and businesses, flood mitigation work will also provide a boost for local jobs throughout the duration of the work, supporting the South Australian economy."

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