

No Dam Comments

Conservation Council SA (letter of support).

“As the peak conservation body for South Australia, the Conservation Council of South Australia (Conservation Council SA) wishes to re-iterate its opposition to the proposed dam in Brownhill Creek Recreation Park”.

“It seems inconceivable that this particular site within the Recreation Park could have been chosen. The environmental, heritage, recreational and aesthetic values of this park are documented in the Park Management Plan and as one of our state’s oldest parks, it should be preserved”.

“The Conservation Council SA opposes the building of a dam in Brownhill Creek Recreation Park and supports available alternatives”.

Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association (KNCHA letter of support).

“We the Kaurna people stand together as custodians of Brownhill Creek, a unique and important part of South Australia’s Natural and Cultural Heritage. Let it be a present and future legacy”.

“We urge the Government to reconsider the plans to build a dam at Brownhill Creek, a significant site to the Kaurna people. It is the Association’s position that the Government ought to pursue alternative options, options which will not jeopardise the future of Brownhill Creek and our traditional country”.

Mitcham Historical Society (letter of support).

“Channel upgrades, strict guidelines to planning and future development, creek maintenance and community awareness is imperative. Modern, viable alternatives to the proposed dam should be considered”.

“This dam should not be constructed as a result of public fear and ignorance”.

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”.

Barbara Hardy AO (Order of Australia), Patron of Nature Foundation SA.

“While I recognise the need to make reasonable provision to protect those at risk from flooding, there are many ways of achieving this that do not detract from, or destroy, areas which should remain unspoiled for future generations”.

“When I learnt of the effects building such a structure would have on the ecology and environment of the Park I was appalled. I find it inconceivable that at a time when we are all becoming much more aware of the value, and the need to care for the world we live in, that such an ill-conceived proposal should even be considered”.

The Friends of Brownhill Creek (submission).

“It is difficult to believe in this enlightened age of environmental awareness that any responsible governing authority would commission a study that included unnecessary destruction of environment and heritage. As indicated by other studies it is possible to achieve flood mitigation without this destruction”.

“The proposed dam will be a blow to the heart of this park. The park will forever be viewed differently. Open space, native ecosystems and scenic qualities will be compromised forever”.

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“A Creek Capacity Upgrade in critical sections of Brownhill Creek, along with general maintenance and creek rehabilitation, has to happen anyway. This will provide comparable flood protection. An expensive and destructive dam is no panacea for these essential flood mitigation works”.

“Decision makers should look beyond minority self-interest and political posturing, and adopt a vision for the future. The preservation and restoration of Brownhill Creek as a community resource is possible, whilst supporting responsible flood mitigation without a dam”.

“The No Dam in Brownhill Creek Community Action Group represents local residents, the broader community and over 40,000 annual visitors to Brownhill Creek Recreation Park (1841) and Ellison’s Gully. The community is incredulous that a dam is still being considered in the upper reaches of Brownhill Creek. Their message is “Enough is Enough”. Let’s finally complete the Stormwater Management Plan with a feasible and cost effective No Dam option”.

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