

Seacliff SA 5049
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David Wagner
President, Friends of Brownhill Creek
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Dear David,

Proposed Dam in Brown Hill Creek Recreation Park

I have only recently been made aware of the proposal contained in the Draft Stormwater Management Plan for Keswick and Brown Hill Creeks to build a dam in the middle of Brown Hill Creek Recreation Park.

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.

As far back as 1841 the Brown Hill Creek area was recognised as being of special value when it was protected from development by the then Governor. I applaud the volunteer work of the Friends of Brown Hill Creek, over the years, helping to retain the original character of the Park. It is unthinkable that the benefits of much of this dedicated work should be undermined by construction of an inappropriately placed dam. Brown Hill Creek was 'special' in 1841 and it is still special today.

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.

I fully support the campaign by the Friends of Brown Hill Creek, and their associated 'No Dam Action Group', to persuade the group of Councils to reconsider the proposal to build a dam in the Brown Hill Creek Park. What they should do is develop a stormwater management plan for Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks that offers flood mitigation, without the negative environmental impacts of the currently proposed dam.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Hardy', written in a cursive style.

Barbara Hardy AO