

A Fair Go

The 6,000 signatories on the No Dam in BHC petition (44% Mitcham, but 56% outside Mitcham) want to protect the unique environment and heritage of Brownhill Creek Valley. Their passion and mine are not reliant on where I live! I can shift, but the park can't. The dam is forever.

Mayor Trainer claims that the Draft Plan, incorporating a dam, was “strongly supported by a significant majority of residents” during the public consultation. This is incorrect. Out of 26,539 feedback forms delivered by mail, 23,018 to West Torrens and Unley and only 1055 to Mitcham, there was a weak response of only 1,241 pro-plan (with dam). No dam totalled 4,672, comprising a submitted petition of 4,010 and 662 no dam forms.

The scale, cost and impact of the dam were understated, undermining the public consultation and councils have now commissioned an independent assessment of the dam.

All five catchment councils (including West Torrens) have endorsed the studies into alternatives to the dam. Mayor Trainer claims that “a dam is still favoured by engineers Worley Parsons” when they have not yet released their findings into these alternatives.

We agree on 93% of the works. Mayor Trainer should give the investigation into the alternatives to the dam a fair go.

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