

## **Another Myth of Mitcham Council: Media Release.**

Another myth about Mitcham Council is that it has delayed the signing and implementation of the 2011 Brown Hill Keswick Creek Draft Stormwater Management Plan.

This is totally untrue.

The results of the Public Consultation have only just been released, so how could the project have proceeded before this point in time? That is if the Public Consultation actually means anything. Surely the point of a Public Consultation is to use the information received to review and even make changes to the **Draft Plan**.

We have been told that the consultants did not consult with Aboriginal stakeholders during the Public Consultation period. This could cause a delay in the Upper Brownhill Creek catchment, but that is not Mitcham Council's fault. Mitcham Council passed a resolution in the middle of last year calling for proper Aboriginal Consultation.

Believe it or not, the 2011 Draft Plan was modelled on a 1984 model using 1982 channel capacity data. The new NRM channel capacity survey has identified problems with this data and the resulting Plan.

More time will be required to assess the implications of this, especially in the Brownhill Creek catchment above the Glenelg Tramway. Again not Mitcham Council's fault.

The proposed dam seems to be **significantly** under costed and again more time is required assess this, for the sake of rate payers and so that a fair cost comparison can be made with alternatives to the dam. Sure 80% of the works could probably proceed in the Keswick Creek Catchment (50% of the stormwater catchment) and in the urban Brownhill Creek Catchment below the Glenelg Tramway, but a realistic amount of time will be needed to sort out the upper Brownhill Creek Catchment.

**If problems exist with the Draft Plan then they need to be faced openly and dealt with.**

It is too simple and easy to hide these problems and blame Mitcham Council for any delays.

**No Dam in Brownhill Creek Action Group.**