



2012 CCSA Environment Awards

On September 6 we honoured South Australians making contributions to the environment.

The Jill Hudson Award is presented to a South Australian who, in the twelve months preceding the Award made an outstanding contribution to protecting the environment.

THE JILL HUDSON AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FINALIST: Ron Bellchambers

Ron, the volunteer spokesperson for the No Dam in Brownhill Creek, Community Action Group, has worked full time for the last 11 months to stop the proposed Dam in the Brownhill Creek Recreation Park, one of our State's oldest parks.

He has worked fearlessly to ensure that a feasible alternative to the dam was proposed, and has lobbied for stormwater management guidelines to be followed.

As a result of his group's mobilization of public opinion, in recent times five catchment councils have agreed to proceed with 80% of the works, but are "recognizing community opposition to the dam .. and committing to a preference to pursue a feasible no dam solution".

Ron has campaigned hard for open and transparent public consultation processes around the Brownhill Creek issues, and continues to work with Community Alliance SA to change planning and development laws in SA to ensure community and environmental views and concerns are fully considered.