
Project to preserve Kaurna history

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A NO-DAM option at Brownhill Creek Recreation Park and Ellison's Gully will preserve the area's Aboriginal history, a community group says.

Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association chairman Jeffrey Newchurch said widening the creek would preserve the area, which played an important role in Kaurna history.

He said the Kaurna people were the traditional custodians of the land once used for camping, hunting and gathering ground prior to European settlement.

"Kaurna (people) have connection with the land, especially the top end of Brownhill Creek, where we have a real spiritual connection," Mr Newchurch said.

"We wanted the best option where our land won't be destroyed."

As part of the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater project, eight options, which included a dam, were put out for community consultation.

The entire \$150 million project is aimed at managing stormwater flows to protect thousands of properties from a one-in-100-year flood.

A Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater project report showed the group were supportive of the no-dam option because the creek would be rehabilitated. "The dam would have taken away the natural beauty and interfered with the surroundings that we know has a significant cultural heritage," Mr Newchurch said.
