



SUPPORT NO DAM OPTION

Save Brownhill Creek Valley - Wirraparinga



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NO DAM IN BROWNHILL CREEK COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP SUPPORTS SMA DECISION TO APPROVE THE 2012 SMP

We commend Mitcham, Unley, Adelaide, Burnside and West Torrens Councils for their efforts in formulating the 2012 Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan and in reaching the historic agreement.

The decision by the Stormwater Management Authority to approve the \$150 million plan, means that the vast bulk of the project works in Part A (80% or \$120 million) can proceed.

Given that 80% of the physical catchment for stormwater is in the urban catchment, it makes sense to begin these works first.

A dam in Brownhill Creek will not prevent flooding from short, intense rainfall over the urban catchment. In order to do this, downstream channel works, including diversion culverts, must be undertaken. Expanding these channel works eliminates the need for a dam and provides a better Stormwater Management solution.

No Dam Option 3A, in Part B, is now one of the Recommended Stormwater Management Strategies in the 2012 plan and the councils have 12 months "to pursue a feasible No Dam Solution", as part of the agreement.

The No Dam Option 3A only requires one additional bypass culvert (not in the streets of Unley). It is worth noting that 5,270 metres of bypass / diversion culverts will be constructed in the Unley area, with or without a dam.

The No Dam Option is supported by:

- 9,000 signatories on the No Dam petition (1,000 from Unley)
- Conservation Council SA
- The Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association
- National Trust of South Australia
- Nature Foundation SA
- Mitcham Historical Society
- The Friends of Brownhill Creek
- Community Alliance SA
- Numerous smaller community groups

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