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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN GETS GREEN LIGHT

The Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) has approved the 2012 Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan.

Stormwater Management Authority Presiding Member, Mr Stephen Hains said the decision was a significant milestone in delivering a flood mitigation strategy to protect the residents of the Brown Hill Creek and Keswick Creek catchment areas.

"This catchment is an area which is at significant risk of flood damage, in the event of a major storm," Mr Hains said.

Mr Hains said the Stormwater Management Plan estimated that \$147.6 million would be required to construct infrastructure within Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks catchment over the next ten years.

"This Stormwater Management Plan has been developed through the cooperation of the five catchment councils – the Cities of Unley, Mitcham, Burnside, West Torrens and Adelaide who have shown a strong commitment to finalising this plan," Mr Hains said.

"By working together to deliver the required key infrastructure requirements, the Plan outlines the work necessary to protect 6,921 properties in the event of a 1 in 100 year flood."

Mr Hains said the Stormwater Management Plan identified the agreed works the councils have committed to progress across the catchment area, subject to agreements on funding from the three levels of government.

"The plan also includes a commitment for further investigations of flood mitigation options in the upper reaches of Brown Hill Creek.," Mr Hains said.

"These investigations will assess the options of either a flood control dam or bypass culverts as the preferred option."

In support of the Stormwater Management Plan, the Stormwater Management Authority has also approved funding toward the following projects:

- a contribution of up to \$1,400,000 towards the Ridge Park Detention Basin construction.
- a contribution of up to \$2,500,000 towards the Goodwood Junction Brown Hill Creek Diversion Project
- a contribution of \$270,000 towards the Brown Hill Keswick Creek 2012 SMP.



The 2012 Stormwater Management Plan is available from the website of the Cities of Unley, Mitcham and West Torrens.

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