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Mr Rod Ellis
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Dear Mr Ellis

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I would like to congratulate the Friends of Brownhill Creek on being offered a *2021/22 Friends of Parks - Small Grant* of \$5,000 plus GST, for 'Brownhill Creek Bandicoot Protection Project: Putting Recommendations Into Action'.

I am delighted that in 2021, the Marshall Liberal Government has exponentially increased the funding which was made available to our Friends of Parks groups, with two brand new programs – the \$250,000 Small Grants Program, along with a further \$500,000 towards the Partnership Grants Program. These programs have replaced the previous Volunteer Support Grants and will significantly expand our ability to deliver practical conservation outcomes for the benefit of our South Australia's environment. This is all part of our complete overhaul of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, a part of government which has enjoyed a vital renaissance in recent years.

We have received many applications from Friends of Parks groups, for diverse and innovative projects that will contribute to both on-park and off-park conservation works. The quality of these applications and projects demonstrates the commitment and stewardship of our volunteers towards managing the state's environmental heritage for future generations.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Friends of Parks Board, who have once again partnered with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to fund and administer the *Friends of Parks – Small Grant* program.

On behalf of the South Australian Government, I wish your group every success with your upcoming project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Speirs'.

DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 08/11/2021