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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TO COMMENCE ON PROPOSED WORKS FOR UPPER BROWN HILL CREEK

Members of the public will have opportunities to learn more about and comment on proposed flood mitigation measures for upper Brown Hill Creek during a community consultation process from Wednesday 13 May to Tuesday 23 June, 2015.

The consultation will focus on the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project's "Part B Report" for upper Brown Hill Creek, which investigated eight flood mitigation options before identifying a "Creek Capacity Upgrade (Option D)" as the preferred option.

All eight options within the Part B Report involve increasing the capacity of upper Brown Hill Creek in critical sections by widening the creek bed and/or modifying creek banks, as well as creek rehabilitation works to assist high stormwater flows and reduce the risk of flooding by selectively removing invasive vegetation and other obstructions.

The "Creek Capacity Upgrade (Option D)" has been identified as the preferred option as it is the most cost effective way of achieving the necessary flood mitigation, and does not require the construction of a dam in upper Brown Hill Creek or high flow bypass culverts through suburban streets, which would be required in the other seven options.

The consultation process will include four open days for residents to learn more about proposed works and provide feedback to project staff. The open days have been scheduled for the following dates:

- **Monday 18 May 2015**
Drop in anytime between 2pm-6pm at the Unley Community Centre (18 Arthur St, Unley)
- **Sunday 24 May 2015**
Drop in anytime between 11am-3pm at the Unley Community Centre (18 Arthur St, Unley)
- **Thursday 28 May 2015**
Drop in anytime between 2pm-6pm at the Mitcham Civic Centre (131 Belair Rd, Torrens Park)
- **Saturday 30 May 2015**
Drop in anytime between 10am-2pm at the Mitcham Civic Centre (131 Belair Rd, Torrens Park)

Terry Buss, Project Chair of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, says feedback collected during the consultation process will be summarised into a report and presented to the five catchment councils for review. Each catchment council will then determine its position and make a final recommendation on Part B works for upper Brown Hill Creek to the State Government's Stormwater Management Authority.

"The consultation process is another important step as the project draws closer to its ultimate objective of implementing an effective stormwater management strategy to improve the standard of flood protection for homes and properties across the catchment," he said.

About the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project

The Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project is a collaboration between Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens councils to develop and implement an effective stormwater management plan to improve the standard of flood protection for homes, businesses and public facilities across the catchment.

The project has developed a Stormwater Management Plan, approved by the Stormwater Management Authority in February 2013, which includes two key sections: "Part A" works comprising about 80% of the program which have already commenced, and "Part B" works for upper Brown Hill Creek that are the subject of current investigations.

For more information about the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project and the community consultation program for proposed works along upper Brown Hill Creek, visit www.bhkcstormwater.com.au.

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