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STATE GOVERNMENT URGED TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDING TO FLOOD PLAN

The State Government is being urged to commit funding to help implement crucial flood mitigation works across the Brown Hill Keswick Creek catchment.

Following damaging widespread flooding across the catchment this week, the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project – a collaboration between Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens Councils – says State Government funding support is absolutely imperative to undertake \$140 million worth of critical flood protection works.

Terry Buss, Project Chair of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, says this week's flooding events highlight the need for a comprehensive stormwater management plan to be implemented as soon as possible.

"The Brown Hill Keswick Creek catchment is prone to serious flooding as we've seen again this week, so we must implement major flood mitigation works as soon as possible to provide better protection for homes, businesses and public facilities," said Mr Buss.

"The Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project has developed a comprehensive stormwater management plan – agreed to by all five catchment councils – which was submitted to the Stormwater Management Authority earlier this year and is awaiting approval.

"The plan includes major works along Brown Hill Creek to greatly reduce the risk of flooding in suburbs across the region as occurred this week.

"But to fully implement the plan in a timely manner, funding support from the State Government is vital. The catchment councils have already agreed to a major financial contribution to implement flood mitigation works, and it's now up to the State Government to come to the party too.

"We continue to discuss funding arrangements with the SMA and the State Government and are hopeful of securing a significant funding commitment soon."

For more information about the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, visit www.bhkcstormwater.com.au.

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