

# Cable car enjoys favourable treatment

IS Luke Martin's letter an April fool's joke? (Letters, April 1). In regard to the cable car proponents he says, "They have done every thing asked of them by government". Doesn't he mean that the government has done everything the proponent has asked for?

The Management Plan was revised in 2013, to allow for a cable car, despite the overwhelming proportion of submissions opposing one. Two years later the plan was amended again to expand the summit zone. Two years later again the Government announces they will seek to legislate to compulsorily acquire

Council land at the summit. Still no development application. Then Luke Martin says that 'They have made it clear they are not seeking public funding' and the Government has said they won't get any. But the Government is going to gift land at the summit to the proponent and it has offered to pay for infrastructure.

Will Hodgman said to me and others in 2012 that "a Liberal government may facilitate the cable car by providing infrastructure". How far infrastructure funding goes is anyone's guess.

Then Luke Martin says, the Government's compulsory acquisition of the

land at the summit does not fast track the approval process. First, it is an assessment process and not an approval process. Second, the compulsory acquisition of the land is fast tracking the first stage, by removing the need for council consent.

As for what Luke Martin describes as an "innocuous selfie" of Adrian Bold and Matthew Groom. If the minister had not offered to gift the summit of the mountain to Adrian Bold, it would have remained an innocuous selfie.

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