Special corner might disappear

THE Tasmania so many of us have chosen to live in would seem to be fast disappearing and this special corner of the world with its quirky, somewhat old-fashioned ambience may soon be a memory. Whilst change and development is necessary and welcomed, when it impacts on those who have chosen to live in Tasmania for its special sense of place one starts to wonder where this will lead. Increasing the population and tourist visits by the gargantuan amount envisaged can only lead to the loss of the lifestyle, brand, specialness, call it what you will.

With government seemingly hellbent on turning the state into some form of theme park where visitors can fly through the air in cable cars, queue to walk over our wilderness, drive swiftly from one iconic spot to the next and queue again, we have lost all we held dear. By all means encourage tourists, but limit numbers, limit population growth and retain some of the lifestyle we came here to enjoy.

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