

Veto mountain development

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THE Hobart City Council is right to have “grave concerns” about the State Government’s plans to acquire land on kunanyi/Mt Wellington (*Mercury*, July 21). State Growth Minister Matthew Groom has released a draft Bill with the sole purpose of acquiring land to allow Adrian Bold to build a cable car up kunanyi/Mt Wellington. If passed, this Bill would set a dangerous precedent — giving the green light for further land grabs of public land for the sole benefit of private developers. A cable car up Mt Wellington would be visible from all over Hobart — permanently damaging an ancient landscape and important Aboriginal heritage site.

The aesthetics of beautiful Mt Wellington on and around the Organ Pipes would be permanently damaged, adversely affecting the experiences of hundreds of thousands of walkers, climbers, mountain bikers and motorists.

I hope the members of the Legislative Council will consider the best interests of all Hobartians when reviewing this Bill.

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COOL VIEW: Tourists at the summit of Mt Wellington.

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