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To: Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au
Subject: Letter from the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Attachments: PREMIER OUTGOING - Minister Catherine King - Cradle Valley Cableway.pdf

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you as Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP.

Yours faithfully,

Departmental Liaison Officer

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PREMIER OF TASMANIA

11 SEP 2023

The Hon Catherine King MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister King *Catherine*

CRADLE VALLEY CABLEWAY PROJECT

I was pleased to see you at the recent opening of the University of Tasmania's new River's Edge state-of-the-art learning and teaching facility in Launceston, and sorry that we did not have an opportunity to catch up more meaningfully.

As you may be aware, I have recently assumed the portfolio responsibility for State Development, along with my existing Tourism portfolio, and it is in these capacities that I am following up my letter to you of 20 April 2023 regarding the Cradle Valley Cableway Project.

In that letter, written at the suggestion of Prime Minister Albanese, I noted your Department's advice that the cableway project was not eligible for funding through the Community Development Grants Program (CDGP), following changes to the program's criteria. In particular, the requirement for all CDGP funds to be expended by 30 June 2026, which is not feasible for this complex project given construction (and therefore expenditure) is projected to go well beyond that date.

I requested that you preserve the Australian Government's previous commitment of \$30 million through the CDGP (matched by the Tasmanian Government) and noted that in developing the comprehensive business case for this significant project, the project budget and timeframes for delivery have become more apparent, and the most recent estimates indicate that the project cannot be delivered within the funding commitment made in 2018.

I have not yet received confirmation of the preservation of the \$30 million funding commitment, and while senior officials from our respective Departments have met to discuss the project following the Australian Government's receipt of the business case, it is my view that progressing this matter requires cooperation between our governments at the highest level.

I would therefore welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the most appropriate mechanism for provision of the funds required to deliver this significant project, noting the Tasmanian Government's ongoing commitment to a 50/50 funding split for the delivery of the completed cableway.

As I have previously stated, I would be pleased to provide additional briefings to you, your office, or other members of your Department on the detailed planning, work and analysis that has been done to date in identifying a cableway as the most appropriate transport solution for this extraordinary location.

I look forward to your response and continuing our commitment to working collaboratively to ensure the Project is delivered.

Should you, your team or your Department wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Tasmanian Coordinator-General, John Perry (john.perry@cg.tas.gov.au or [s.36, Out of scope](#)).

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

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From: noreply@pws.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 8:08 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: Correspondence Reply from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Signed letter by Minister - 6 November 2023 (ROCKLIFF Jeremy).pdf

Our reference: MC23-067589

Dear Jeremy Rockliff

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 September 2023 to the Australian Government.

Please find attached our response.

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Kind regards

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

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We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. We recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



The Hon Catherine King MP

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat**

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Dear Premier *Jeremy*

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2023 regarding the Cradle Valley Cableway Project. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Australian Government announced the closure of the Community Development Grants (CDG) program on 24 October 2022 in line with the broader redesign of regional grant programs. The Government retained sufficient funds to honour uncontracted CDG commitments, provided those projects were both contracted within six months (by 28 April 2023) and would be fully delivered by 30 June 2026.

As you stated, unfortunately the Cradle Valley Cableway Project could not be delivered within the required CDG timeframe. All uncontracted funds from the CDG program have been returned to consolidated revenue and the \$30 million previously committed to the project is no longer available.

While there are no Government funds committed to the Cradle Valley Cableway Project, officials from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts would be happy to receive updates on the project. The best contact to discuss Cradle Mountain connectivity and transport links is Mr Robert Bradley via email at robert.bradley@infrastructure.gov.au.

Unfortunately, due to my parliamentary commitments, I am unable to meet with you at this time. I look forward to meeting with you in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

6 / 11 / 2023

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From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2024 10:39 AM
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Subject: Letter from the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP - Cradle Valley Cableway Project
Attachments: PREMIER OUTGOING - The Hon Anthony Albanese MP -.PDF

Good morning

Please find attached a letter: Premier Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP

Kind regards,

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8 JAN 2024

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister 

CRADLE VALLEY CABLEWAY PROJECT

I refer to our previous discussions and correspondence on this matter.

At your invitation, I wrote to the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in April, prior to the closing date of the Community Development Program, requesting the \$30 million Federal bipartisan funding commitment be set aside for this project outside of the CDG program whilst the best funding pathway was identified.

I also wrote to Minister King again when I took on the portfolio of State Development, Trade and the Antarctic and recently received a reply that confirmed that no Australian government funds are committed to the project and suggested an update on the project could be provided to departmental officials.

Inter-departmental engagement on this project has been ongoing, although Australian Government Officials are only able to point to specific programs that appear to have some challenges with respect to the Cradle Mountain Cableway project, including that it cannot be delivered within program timeframes.

The proposed cableway is a preferred transport solution to a location of national and international significance, that will support the sustainable management of significant world heritage values and an international and national tourism icon.

It is clear that the project can only be built with Federal funding support. Key industry, community and other stakeholders remain highly supportive and are seeking greater clarity in regard to next steps.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you options for progressing this significant project from here, noting the funding partnership approach to the cableway. I also would like to extend an invitation for you to visit Cradle Mountain at any early opportunity in 2024.

Yours sincerely



Jere Rockliff MP
Premier

Minister for State Development, Trade and the Antarctic
Minister for Tourism and Hospitality