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Dear Premier,

Please find attached correspondence from the Executive Chair of Mount Wellington Cableway Co., Tony Mayell, in follow up to our project.

Kind regards,
Christian

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Monday 13th November, 2023

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Dear Premier,

MWCC PROJECT FOLLOW UP

We are one week short of the nine-month anniversary of your State of the State address made in the House in February of this year. During that speech you stated that you were requesting advice from the bureaucracy as to how the Mt Wellington cable car project could be advanced, clearly articulating the Government's support for it.

Disappointingly, and I suggest astonishingly, that advice has either not been forthcoming or perhaps of such quality that it has not been shared with us, and certainly does not seem to have given Government any possible pathways forward.

You recall that a number of the Directors of the Mount Wellington Cableway Company (MWCC) and myself met with you in late July following up on a letter forwarded to you earlier in which MWCC reiterated its commitment to the project and its position. During that meeting, you advised that your Government would be supporting the project by way of introducing appropriate legislation which you anticipated would occur within a nine month window.

I understand that since then the Department of State Growth has provided some advice that essentially recommends that Government support a review of the Wellington Park Management Trust. As per our previous correspondence, MWCC is of the view that this needs to happen, however, any such review should happen concurrently with the advancement of a sustainable transport solution for the Mountain.

In the interim, the Hobart City Council (HCC) is undertaking works at Halls Saddle advancing its own agenda which apparently is to establish it as a hub from which it will service the summit with a fleet of buses. Information has been sought from Council if this work is being undertaken under a DA, or as the authority it is, simply proceeding. Considerable vegetation has been cleared and felled in the Saddle area with no notice and I suspect with minimal, if any environmental regulatory clearance.

Further, the Park Trust management has distributed a survey that seeks to revisit the Park values. I understand that this was done without the knowledge or sign off from the Trust Board, which of course includes three Government representatives.

An independent supporter of our project commissioned Dr Kevin Bonham to assess the integrity and methodology of the survey and his view was that it is heavily skewed away from considering the tourism values and leads the respondents towards the anti-development camp. To date HCC and the media have ignored this input.

Another aspect I find concerning is that despite Government's stated support for our project this does not seem to be reflected through Government's own representation on the Trust Board. In my view it will be important that Government ensures that its representatives hold sufficient authority to prosecute the Government's agenda effectively at that forum should Government finally find a way forward with our project.

MWCC is holding its AGM in Hobart on 5 December 2023 and an obvious item for discussion with shareholders is the future of the project and their ongoing support and commitment. Some time ago I advised shareholders that we could be reasonably confident we would have a clearer indication of Government's intention in respect to our project well and truly before then.

Obviously that confidence has waned, and I will be seeking a position from those shareholders on 5 December.

The MWCC Board continues to publicly remain patient and respectful of the process that Government has on several occasions in the past committed to, however that obviously cannot continue.

The MWCC Board continues to explore models that will provide Government with options to consider reflecting the importance of this private sector funded significant initiative and its compatibility with a Liberal Government's platform. I will be forwarding to your attention later this week a further option that the Board believes will be attractive to your Government and may be an alternative to the legislative path that you alluded to in July.

Yours sincerely,

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Tony Mayell

Executive Chair, Mount Wellington Cableway Company Pty. Limited.

Bray, Ella

From: Shadbolt, Stephanie
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Dear Premier,

Please find attached here additional correspondence from the Executive Chair of Mount Wellington Cableway Co., Tony Mayell, as alluded to in our 13th November, 2023 letter to you.

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Friday 24th November, 2023

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Dear Premier,

MWCC Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model

As I advised in my letter of last week, which may not have made its way to you, I write today to provide an option for consideration that the MWCC (Mount Wellington Cableway Co.) board believes should be of interest to your Liberal Government to deliver on its intent to provide a pathway for our project.

This does not preclude the other avenues that we hope are still on the table and that the bureaucracy is working through.

The option is predicated on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and combines a number of elements previously put forward, and reflects elements of the work undertaken in the consultation and design phases.

Everything to date that has been conducted by MWCC has been aligned with the Liberal Government's own Cable Car Facilitation Act of 2017, with the eight key community parameters identified through the community collaboration process undertaken and in compliance with the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Australasia early stakeholder engagement, while being the only sustainable transport and architecture solution that aligns with the intentions of the Wellington Park Management Plan 2015.

Despite the strident opposition from the Hobart City Council and the expected anti-anything minority, history clearly and consistently shows that world class designed cable cars once operational rapidly become icons of civic pride and it is difficult to find anyone after the event to own up to having opposed it. Coupled with the disappointment of TASCAT losing sight of the intent of the Welling Park Management Plan through its assessment, it is worth reminding all stakeholders that through the extensive public consultation process the concept achieved a 5:1 Support/Oppose result.

The following requirements are central to realising the project:

Permits

- LUPAA: 14 Wellington Park Management Plan (WPMP) criteria amended to more effectively align with the intention of the plan to deliver a sustainable transport solution
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) approval
- Licence to operate within Wellington Park
- Crown Lease (as per Facilitation Act 2017)

Funding

- \$90 million minimum capital works program (MWCC responsibility)

Constructability

- New S4 class rural access road from McRobies Rd roundabout to Wellington Park boundary
- Temporary staging area for heavy lift air methodology (i.e. top of McRobies landfill site)
- Temporary rolling road management (Hobart Port to site staging area)
- Standard work site compliance management

PPP Recommendation

Shared ownership of project delivery:

- Financial and technical risks owned by MWCC
- Funding requirement owned by MWCC
- Permit requirements owned by Tasmanian Government
- Constructability requirements owned by Tasmanian Government

Oversight and approval facilitation:

- Wellington Park Management Trust (WPMT) restructured as the approval authority (as per 1993 intent)

Governance:

- All public roads accessing kunanyi/Wellington Park acquired/declared as State Tourist Roads
- Tasmanian Government becomes joint signatory to MWCC Capital Maintenance Trust account
- WPMT/Government acquires seat on MWCC Board, MWCC acquires seat on WPMT Board

- s.37

The above of course requires further discussion and agreement in certain areas, however we believe forms the basis of a partnership that will resolve the ever increasing problems with access to the summit, while delivering an iconic project to the State that is funded by the private sector.

I have attached a summary of benefits that would be delivered via a Public-Private Partnership and would welcome an opportunity to discuss further with you.

In the interim, I have had very constructive communication with TCCI and TICT and it is our intention to significantly ramp up our activities to shore up our project with the significant support that we are confident exists.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mayell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Mayell

Executive Chair, Mount Wellington Cableway Company Pty. Limited.

Benefits

Public-Private Partnership

○ **Tasmanian Government**

- ✓ Facilitates the realisation of an iconic legacy project, over 100 years in the making
- ✓ Enables new state economic activity of \$128 million per annum
- ✓ Creates a sustainable, new knowledge-based electromechanical industry in Tasmania
- ✓ A global first success story partnering Tesla Energy / TasNetworks / Doppelmayr
- ✓ Demonstrates Tasmania is a 'can-do' place for business investment
- ✓ MWCC resource availability for all Tourism Tasmania brand & campaign activity
- ✓ Acquires new funding source for park management (ticket royalty/lease)

○ **Tasmanian Community:**

- ✓ Removes impost on taxpayers - Hobart's largest park becomes self-funded by willing tourists
- ✓ Local Tasmanians can visit the Mountain by road for free (no longer an impost on HCC ratepayers)
- ✓ Local Tasmanians provided guaranteed substantial* cableway ticket discount
- ✓ Given confidence that all cableway capital maintenance is pre-funded by joint account
- ✓ Fully-funded alpine educational program for all K-12 Tasmanian Schools

Note:

*previously verified by the Economic Development Board / Office of the Coordinator General, 2016.

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From: The Premier
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Good afternoon

Please find attached a letter from the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP.

Kind regards,

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8 DEC 2023

Mr Tony Mayell
Executive Chair
Mount Wellington Cableway Company Pty Ltd

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Dear Mr Mayell

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

My government has always been a strong supporter of a sustainable transport solution for kunyanyi/Mount Wellington.

I acknowledge the company's desire to progress its project that has been subject of a comprehensive assessment process and am hope the significant complexities associated with this matter are appreciated.

As you may be aware, I am in receipt of departmental advice in regard to how a cableway on the mountain could be best achieved and a pathway forward in this respect. This advice remains under consideration and I will seek further advice from my department in regard to the matter raised in your most recent correspondence.

I would anticipate being in a position to provide further detail on this matter early in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier