

Greens lash land grabs

THE Greens will move in Parliament this week to put the handbrake on what they call an unprecedented grab of crown land by developers.

The State Government's policies to make Tasmania more attractive for investment include creating the office of the Co-Ordinator-General to allow developers to pitch projects involving public land or buildings confidentially and directly to government.

However, the Greens say they are alarmed by the number of projects being proposed for public land without public scrutiny or consultation.

Greens leader Cassy O'Connor said her party would use its private members' time this week to move to put a stop to all trading in crown land.

"There has been secret trading with developers in crown land and assets from Swansea and Stanley to Boat Harbour and Table Cape. What the Liberals forget is this land belongs to the people of Tasmania," she said. "The office [of the Co-ordinator General] has before it a list of crown land in Tasmania and it is negotiating with private developers over projects ... without any public process and no transparency."

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