

Land acquisition Bill submitted for cable car project

THE State Government has tabled the legislation aimed at paving the way for a cable car on kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

State Growth Minister Matthew Groom yesterday submitted the legislation — to allow the acquisition of land on the mountain to assist the Mount Wellington Cableway Company in preparing a development application — to the

House of Assembly. A draft of the legislation was publicly released in July and, despite almost 850 individuals and organisations making submissions, there were no substantial changes to the final copy — although kunanyi has been added to the title.

Mr Groom said the legislation would facilitate sustainable and sensible tourism on

the mountain. “This legislation represents the most significant step forward in allowing the public to have their say on this important project in more than 100 years,” he said.

“This project is another important marker in taking tourism in Tasmania to the next level.”

Greens leader Cassy O’Connor said her party would

not vote for the legislation.

“All it is at the end of the day is a single piece of legislation that formalises a corrupted process,” she said.

Labor leader Rebecca White said the State Opposition supported alternative means of transport on kunanyi/Mt Wellington — but the project should be put out to tender.

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