



MEDIA ALERT – 5 November 2020

CABLE CAR IN PLANNING TRIBUNAL AS PROPONENT ARGUES AGAINST DOING A DETAILED ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

The proponents of the private commercial complex atop kunanyi/Mt Wellington and its associated cable car across the Organ Pipes will today appeal a planning authority request to conduct an 'on-site' Aboriginal heritage survey and demonstrate that its proposal will not impact on Aboriginal heritage values of the Mountain.

Court documents (attached) demonstrate the Mount Wellington Cableway Company (MWCC) will argue a technicality so as to minimise Aboriginal heritage assessments and only provide a desktop analysis of Aboriginal heritage on kunanyi as part of its Development Application (DA).

"This is a shocking use of the courts to dodge the need to do a proper Aboriginal heritage survey on kunanyi/Mt Wellington, one of Tasmania's few landscapes given a dual name because of its significance to Aboriginal heritage," said Vica Bayley, spokesperson for Residents Opposed to the Cable Car.

The cable car proponent has refused to publicly release the additional information it has submitted to support its DA and subsequent requests for additional information from the planning authority. This is despite still promising full transparency because *'developments in public spaces deserve an additional level of transparency over and above the statutory planning process.'*

"Full release of the information provided to support the cable car DA is needed, however, no matter how you look at this, arguing to do the bare minimum when it comes to Aboriginal heritage assessment is an indictment on the proponent, its approach to heritage protection and its capacity to progress a credible project assessment."

[What: RMPAT Preliminary Hearing](#)

[When: 2.15 pm](#)

**[Where: RMPAT offices](#)
[38 Barrack St. Hobart](#)**

ⁱ MWCC Website – <https://mtwellingtoncablecar.com/downloads>