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RESIDENTS FILE APPLICATION TO EXPAND GROUNDS OF CABLE CAR REFUSAL

Residents Opposed to the Cable Car (ROCC) have formally applied to the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal (RMPAT) to 'enlarge the grounds of refusal' of the cable car and its associated commercial infrastructure on kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

The cable car proponent is appealing all 21 grounds of planning and management refusal and, as per last week's RMPAT directions hearing, joined parties had until 5pm yesterday (Friday 3 Sept) to apply to add more grounds of refusal for the consideration of RMPAT.

ROCC is seeking to expand numerous grounds of refusal, in line with the Wellington Park Management Plan and Hobart Interim Planning Scheme, including:

- The development is a prohibited use;
- The development was found to impact on nesting habitat of the masked owl;
- The negative visual impact of the commercial complex on the summit; and,
- The development was found non-compliant with regards sewerage and odour by the planning authority's expert consultant, but this was not reflected in the final decision.

"Given the scale and scope of the grounds of refusal, we had hoped the proponent would abandon its obsession with a cable car on kunanyi and leave the community to enjoy its mountain with its many special values intact," said Vica Bayley, spokesperson for ROCC.

"We respect the right of the proponent to appeal and as a joined party, we too have rights including the ability to bring forward additional grounds we believe the cable car fails when assessed against management and planning rules.

"Experts have deemed this project would destroy the habitat of masked owls and fails to meet requirements regarding sewage and odour and we think this should be reflected in the final grounds of refusal.

"Different things drive different people's love of kunanyi and thus, their opposition to the cable car, but central to many is a love for the creatures that call it home, its spectacular visual amenity and clean water and air. Habitat loss, visual intrusion and sewage related risks are of serious concern.

ROCC continues to fundraise to support its legal engagement in the cable car appeal, including a chuffed.org crowd funder and events, such as a sold out quiz night being held tonight.

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