

Will Hodgman MP
Leader of the State Opposition
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Bartlett should explore cable car

The Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, has today reaffirmed the State Opposition's long-standing support for investigating a cable car development on Mount Wellington.

Mr Hodgman has challenged the new Premier, David Bartlett, to overturn the State Labor Party's opposition to even looking at the proposal, which would enhance Hobart's tourism appeal and promote access to the iconic mountain.

"Hobart has tremendous natural assets that are under-utilised, including our waterfront and Mt Wellington, and we should be looking at ways of opening them up, in a sustainable and sensitive way," Mr Hodgman said.

"Labor's implacable opposition to even considering a cable car on Mt Wellington over the past ten years has held Hobart back.

"Year round, I believe more people would take advantage of Mt Wellington if we could construct a cable car in an aesthetically unobtrusive way, as has occurred in many places such as New Zealand. We should be looking at how we can make this happen, not why it can't."

Mr Hodgman has met several times with cable car advocate Tim Burbury, and welcomes his ongoing commitment to a cable car development on Mt Wellington.

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