

City of **HOBART**

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31 July 2024

The Hon. Eric Abetz MP
 Minister for Business, Industry & Resources and Minister for Transport
 House of Assembly
 Parliament House
 HOBART TAS 7000

Via Email: eric.abetz@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Minister

STRATEGIC REVIEW OF KUNANYI/MOUNT WELLINGTON

I write further to the Council meeting of Monday 22 July 2024, during which the Council considered a Notice of Motion from Councillor Lohberger and the Deputy Lord Mayor in relation to Halls Saddle being incorporated into the strategic review of kunanyi/Mount Wellington. A copy of the Minute is attached for your reference, with the Council resolving that:

"...the Halls Saddle site (220 Waterworks Road, Ridgeway) should be included in the proposed State Government Strategic Review of kunanyi/Mt Wellington, despite the fact that the site is outside the current Wellington Park boundary."

As you are aware, the City of Hobart is the long-term management agency for the most highly visited areas of the mountain and own and manage the majority of assets that support visitor access and use, including the Halls Saddle site for which the City invests in its ongoing maintenance. Whilst the site sits outside the Wellington Park boundary, it has the potential to play an important role in the future management and operation of kunanyi/Mount Wellington and therefore, it is important for consideration to be given for its inclusion in the strategic review process.

The Council also resolved that an open day at Halls Saddle be held in conjunction with the Department of State Growth to highlight to the community the site and its wide-ranging benefits, including its potential as a transport and or visitor hub.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with your officers at an appropriate time during the community engagement phase of the review.

Accordingly, the Council requests the Tasmanian Government give consideration to these matters and requests that the Halls Saddle site be included as part of the strategic review.

I would be happy to brief you or the relevant officers on this matter and can be contacted on **out of scope** or michael.stretton@hobartcity.com.au

Yours sincerely

out of scope

(Michael Stretton)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cc: Mr Craig Limkin, Secretary, Department of State Growth

Released under RTI

Hobart City Council

COMMITTEE: Council (Open)

DATE: 22/07/2024

TITLE: Halls Saddle

That the Hobart City Council:

1. Determine that the Halls Saddle site (220 Waterworks Road, Ridgeway) should be included in the proposed State Government Strategic Review of kunanyi/Mt Wellington despite the fact that the site is outside the current Wellington Park boundary.
2. Agree that the site should be considered for the provision of value adding uses and/or infrastructure such as a transport and/or visitor hub (etc), as part of its current review of kunanyi/Mt Wellington.
3. Delegate to the CEO to write and directly liaise with the Department of State Growth, to request that Halls Saddle be included in the Review's Terms of Reference
4. Delegate to the CEO to write or personally liaise with the Wellington Park Management Trust to include Halls Saddle in their review of the Wellington Park Management Plan.
5. Request the CEO to arrange to hold an open day at Halls Saddle to highlight to the wider public the huge size and convenient location of the site, and its potential value for kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

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Dear Mr Stretton

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 2024 regarding the City of Hobart's Notice of Motion in relation to Halls Saddle being incorporated into the Strategic Review of Mount Wellington. The City of Hobart plays an important role in the management and maintenance of Mount Wellington and the broader park, and I value and recognise this important work.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to undertaking a comprehensive, holistic review of Mount Wellington to develop a long-term vision for the mountain and the broader Wellington Park.

Although the review is focused on the land within Mount Wellington and the broader Wellington Park, transport and infrastructure solutions for the pinnacle and other areas are crucially important and within scope. This includes the Halls Saddle site. Access points, both current and proposed, must be carefully considered for the future management and operations of the mountain.

With Halls Saddle in focus, I encourage the City of Hobart to provide a submission on the potential opportunities for the site when the review calls for public comments. The Tasmanian Government wants all views on the table.

Thank you for sharing the Council's willingness to hold an Open Day at Halls Saddle. As I understand, the Department of State Growth has committed to attending as part of the community engagement phase of the review.

I look forward to working with the City of Hobart as the review proceeds.

Yours sincerely

out of scope

Eric Abetz MP
Minister for Business, Industry and Resources