

From: Helen Cushing
To: Mountain Review
Subject: Keeping kunanyi wild

Dear Minister Abetz,

Thank you for considering the future of our mountain.

Living in South Hobart I enjoy a view of the mountain every day. I came to Tasmania many decades ago, attracted by the small, friendly community and wild nature. In my younger days I worked as an outdoor tour guide and now my son and other family members are employed in this important part of the tourism industry, including taking cruise ship visitors up kunanyi.

I do not want a cable car on the mountain and don't believe it is viable or practical. I support a well-organised shuttle bus system such as the one that operates at Dove Lake.

I also think that the proposal put forward by Robert Morris-Nunn some years ago for a hotel at the Springs is worth consideration. This is a site that was previously developed and therefore already has cleared land. It's high enough to feel alpine and remote, without being in the extreme zone at the summit. I would really hate to see retail outlets on the summit. There is enough shopping in the world. It does us good to be removed from money spending, materialism and consumption of take away and fancy foods and drinks sometimes. Capitalism has appropriated so much of our lives. We don't need it on our wild mountain.

Let nature be, and keep kunanyi wild. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Cushing