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Dear Ald Christie

I refer to your letter dated 25 January 2018 in relation to the issuing of an Authority to Enter Land (Wellington Park) to the Mount Wellington Cableway Company.

As the government is currently operating in caretaker mode, your letter has been referred to me. From a procedural perspective, I am able to provide the following advice.

The Authority to Enter Land was issued by the Minister for State Growth through section 7 of the *Cable Car (kunanyi/Mount Wellington) Facilitation Act 2017*.

The intent of the Authority is to enable the proponent to undertake site investigations to inform the preparation of a planning application. As per the Act, the Authority can be issued notwithstanding the *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993* and *Wellington Park Act 1993*.

The Authority does not, however, remove the requirement for the proponent to obtain any other statutory approvals. This includes compliance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*.

Further to the statutory requirements captured in existing legislation and the Authority issued by the Minister for State Growth, I note officers from the Department of State Growth will ensure open communication with operational staff at both the Wellington Park Management Trust and the Hobart City Council. This will ensure transparency and pre-empt and support the mitigation of any operational issues that may arise with regard to implementation of the Authority.

I note in your letter to the Minister for State Growth you have nominated a Hobart City Council officer to support this ongoing engagement.

I hope this assists.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Evans".

Kim Evans
Secretary

22 February 2018