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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Major cherrypicking**

IT should come as no surprise the Gutwein Government is pushing through its Major Projects Bill 2020 (“Fast track approvals closer,” *Mercury*, June 12). The possible sweetener of the kunanyi/Mt Wellington cable car development not being considered under the Bill highlights the inadequacies and cherrypicking this legislation will enable. So we will leave the cable car alone but fix Bridgewater Bridge.

Who makes the decision as to which one is of “major” significance — or not? Any project may qualify for fast tracking and if this legislation is passed neither the community nor elected local representatives can do a thing about it. Tasmania will become like everywhere else and our unique towns and cities, precious environment and lifestyle but a memory.

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