



# Letters to the Editor

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## **Consult on Rock issues**

SIR – Council has been asked many times, “What are the problems with Hanging Rock which need to be fixed?”

The mysterious \$8.5 million list of enabling works is not the problem since this list is designed purely to subsidise a developer with public money.

The projected \$300,000 per annum funds to come from the development is not the issue.

There is no publicly available document which explains what the \$300,000 will be used for. Nice to get, but why do we need it?

If council is serious about proactively managing and upgrading facilities at Hanging Rock for the benefit of users its first task should be to clearly identify what areas need to be addressed and the costs involved.

This is not the same as a list of enabling works designed to subsidise a developer building a resort at Hanging Rock.

It is seven months since council voted for no consultation. During that time there have been many attempts to clarify these issues.

With a few exceptions, these attempts have been met with a concerted program by council to ignore incorrect data, delaying tactics, forcing us to FOI even basic information, ignoring emails, broken promises to provide information.

We should proceed with great caution because there is no real indication that council’s basic position has changed. That is, council thinks a resort is a good idea.

Until council agrees to facilitate an agreement through the Consultation Process as to what are the real needs of Hanging Rock we should maintain our pursuit of facts and clarity.

We should not be harangued into accepting a funding proposal which has no clear objective other than to use our taxes to subsidise a resort development which threatens the iconic values of Hanging Rock.

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