

Proposal: Mt Roland Cableway and Adventure Precinct

Proponent / s

Mt Roland Resort Pty Ltd T/as Silver Ridge Retreat

Location

Mt Roland Regional Reserve and Conservation Area and private land, Claude Road

Description of proposal

The Mt Roland Cableway and Adventure Precinct has been described as a 13 cabin gondola system providing direct access to the summit of Mt Roland that is set within an adventure precinct. The Cableway is to be developed in conjunction with Mountain Bike Trails designed by Dirt Art Pty Ltd.

The Cableway has been designed as the centrepiece of the proposed adventure precinct providing direct access to the summit of Mt Roland in order for visitors and locals to engage in mountain based activities and provide all weather access for people of all abilities.

The proposal encompasses both private and public land, which includes the Mt Roland Regional Reserve and Conservation Area. The private land would house the development of the Cableway drive station, car park, ticketing, visitor amenities and adventure and interpretive activities meeting points. The Mt Roland Regional Reserve, between Silver Ridge Retreat and the summit along the western section of the reserve, would house the Cableway Towers and return station and form the start of an international grade Mountain Bike Park. The Mt Roland Conservation Area, located on the northern face of Mt Roland, would be the site for an “all mountain circumnavigation descent” mountain bike trail.

Estimated jobs created

Mt Roland Resort Pty Ltd T/as Silver Ridge Retreat has advised that it expects to create 12 – 17 new full-time equivalent jobs.

Social, cultural and environmental impact

The proponents have described that the majority of services and public amenities will be concentrated on private land. It describes the overall design as simple and reflective of its environment to ensure that blends in naturally with the surrounding character, landscape and features of the region, with minimal visual and aesthetic impact.

The new trails proposed in this plan feature predominantly gentle, sustainable gradients, which eliminate any issues associated with erosion and sediment dispersion, resulting in a greatly reduced environmental impact.