

Media Release

The Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning



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STREAMLINED PLANNING FOR ARTHURS SEAT SKYLIFT

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne has stepped in to secure completion of the \$16 million Skylift project at Arthurs Seat, delivering jobs, investment and a boost to local tourism.

Mr Wynne has approved a request from the project consortium to take over planning control from the local council as they had concerns about potential delays.

The minister will now be responsible for any future decisions to be made ahead of the project's construction.

The project is considered state significant as it is a multi-million dollar investment in Victoria's tourism industry and will create 20 new jobs.

The council, Parks Victoria and Tourism Victoria were consulted before Mr Wynne approved the request to intervene.

The project consists of an all-weather skylift that will carry passengers to the top of the summit, a mezzanine level, café and kiosk, information centre, toilets and office space.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"Arthurs Seat has the potential to be recognised for its postcard views around the world and we want to give the consortium certainty in the planning process so work can get underway."

"This project will deliver local investment and jobs and return the area to its former glory as one of Victoria's premier tourist destinations."

"Tourism Victoria supports this move and I look forward to being part of the revitalisation of the area."