



Respect
Springbrook
Mountain
CABLEWAY NO WAY

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Springbrook is not the same as Kuranda, in Cairns

Many people ask why Springbrook can't have a cableway when the Cairns Skyrail to Kuranda has been successful.

The answer is simple: **Springbrook is fundamentally different and deserves protection, not exploitation.**

- The Kuranda Skyrail was approved in 1994, before Australia's stronger federal environmental laws came into effect. A similar proposal today would face far stricter assessment.
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) opposed a cableway in Springbrook National Park in 2000 and has since downgraded its World Heritage condition to "significant concern" following the 2019–20 bushfires.
- Kuranda Skyrail skirts the edge of the 900,000-hectare Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. A Springbrook cableway would cut through the heart of a small 3,000-hectare National Park.
- Kuranda was built largely over cleared forest reserve, not through World Heritage-listed National Park.
- Springbrook is predominantly high fire-risk eucalypt forest with a long history of severe bushfires, creating significant public safety and insurance concerns. Kuranda is primarily rainforest.
- Springbrook is highly prone to landslips, and clearing sites for cableway towers would increase this risk.
- Springbrook has no town water supply and could not sustainably support an additional 500,000 visitors each year.
- It also has no sewerage system, meaning wastewater would either threaten the mountain's water catchment and the Gold Coast's drinking water supply or need to be trucked off the mountain.
- Clearing protected vegetation for towers would fragment habitat for the mountains rare and threatened species and open the forest to weeds and feral animals.
- Traditional Owners have raised serious concerns about the impacts a cableway would have on Country and cultural heritage.
- As extreme weather becomes more frequent, a cableway's financial viability would be increasingly uncertain, risking an expensive stranded asset.

Springbrook is one of Queensland's natural treasures. It needs protection, not commercial exploitation. There are far better ways to grow tourism and support our local economy without putting this irreplaceable landscape at risk.

