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### **MOTIVATION FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING LEVEL 4 EXIT SHOP INTO REAR COURTYARD SPACE - LOWER CABLEWAY STATION BUILDING**

The current shop occupying Level 4 of the main Lower Station building is highly successful, as the exit point for all visitors having disembarked from the cable car and exiting the station building. Not only is this a curio shop, but also the collection point for photographs taken as part of their Table Mountain experience. Due to the numbers exiting a full car, and the fact that people stop to shop, this area becomes quite congested.

To the rear (mountainside) of this space, is a narrow courtyard space, with a rear retaining wall against the mountain. The shop currently has a glass facade to this courtyard, which provides a view up the mountain slope, but the actual outside area is not used at all. The proposal seeks to extend the current envelope of the shop into this rear courtyard space, by removing the existing glass façade and allowing the current retaining wall to become the new outer envelope. Please see the inserted aerial photograph below, showing the location.

This proposed structure is a glazed aluminum framed structure, sitting on top of the existing retaining walls. All tucked neatly below the Level 5 cable car access platform and hidden in the shadow of the building.

