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Mr Trevor Farnworth
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Dear Mr Farnworth,

Removing Risk from Illegal Rooftop Structures –
Proposed amendment to the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2001 enquiring about one of our Task Force's proposals of eliminating risk from illegal rooftop structures.

As explained to you earlier in our letter of 14 March 2001 about the Administration's proposed comprehensive, multi-prong strategy for building safety and timely maintenance, the subject that you raised is part and parcel of our revised enforcement policy to tackle unauthorised building works. Regarding your question about the rationale of our proposal to ban conveyancing and letting of illegal rooftop structures, please be advised that the primary objective is to protect public safety. We have explained the rationale adequately in two of our papers presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works in January 2001 and April 2001. Copies of the said papers are attached herewith for your easy

reference. Please note that our recommendation is to amend the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance to make it an offence for the owner of a rooftop area with illegal structures to sell or let the rooftop area with illegal structures. I hope this clarification will enable you to better appreciate our objective.

Your observations on this subject have been noted with thanks. In the interest of public safety, you would no doubt appreciate that building control and enforcement should be commensurate with the degree of risk to safety.

I thank you once again for your interest in, and valuable comments on building safety and our new comprehensive strategy. Please feel free to call the undersigned at tel. no. 2848 6297 if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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