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Land (Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Bill 2002  
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Dear Mr. Lau

Proposed Panel Meeting on 18 March 2003  
Land (Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Bill 2002

With reference to the information we received from the Highways Department at the utility meeting held on 5 March 2003 concerning the suggestion to extend the economic charge to works on footpaths, we wish to raise our objection to this suggestion on the following grounds:

1. The majority of our installation works are on footpaths, cycle tracks and verges. Extension of the economic charge will inevitably cause tremendous increase in administrative works and costs to both the Highways Department and us.
2. It is our practice to closely liaise with the service sectors, such as shops, hospitals, schools, hotels, etc. who when affected by our road opening works will impact on the wider community. Work sequence, method statement, timing will be agreed with these parties so as to minimize the disturbance to them.
3. One of our most important project objectives is to complete the work in the shortest practicable time and with high quality. An incentive and penalty scheme is in place at CLP Power to motivate contractors to perform to the agreed standard and according to program.

In view of the above, our opinion is that the extension of economic charge to works on footpaths is unnecessary. We would appreciate it if our comments would be circulated to and considered by all the members in the coming panel meeting.

Yours faithfully  
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