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The Honourable Mr. Lau Ping Cheung
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Land (Miscellaneous Provision)(Amendment) Bill 2002
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Dear Mr. Lau,

Land (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Amendment) Bill 2002
Proposed Economic Charge for Delay in Completion of Excavation at Footpath

We refer to utilities meeting held on 5 March 2003 with Highways Department concerning the proposal to extend economic charge to excavation works in footpath. NWT strongly objects to this proposal due to the following reasons:

1. Before commencement of excavation work in footpath, utilities undertakings have to consult relevant Government Authorities(e.g. Highways Department, Transport Department, Traffic Police, Environmental Protection Department etc.)As a result best implementation schedules are already worked out to minimize disruption caused to pedestrian and shops.
2. There is no reason for our contractor to prolong the construction duration because the payment is based on actual work done on site by measurement.
3. Regular management meeting is being held by NWT to review our contractor performance which will be taken into consideration in contract review

As this new proposal would definitely cause a lot of non-productive administrative work to both utilities and the Government, we would much appreciate to have your kind consideration to our comment.

Yours sincerely

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