

**Kadoorie Farm and Botanic garden' s position on the Long Valley issues
Environmental Affairs Panel, Legco meeting on 24 Jan 2002**

- There is still no protection plan for Long Valley from the govt.
- On the other hand, wetland loss in Lok Ma Chau due to the Spur Line is of concern because
 1. In the newly released Spur Line EIA, we found that there is a “net loss of wetland area” in Lok Ma Chau. As the impacted area in Lok Ma Chau is zoned as Wetland Conservation Area, this would set an undesirable precedent for similar infrastructural and private developments in this zoning in the future
 2. The compensated area for the wetland loss in Lok Ma Chau is underestimated in the Spur Line EIA as roadside fishponds and those fishponds that “were not visited by large waterbirds” are not included in compensation
 3. Like the previous EIA, there is no study and field example to demonstrate that the suggested mitigation is feasible.

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