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(Attn: Miss Salumi Chan)

**By Fax 2869 6794**

Dear Miss Chan,

**LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Wqorks  
Meeting on 6 December 2002**

**Discussion item proposed by ETWB**

I refer to your above-referenced letter of 30 October 2002.

Having considered the views of Panel Members at the meeting held on 16 May 2002 on the proposed Foreshore, Seabed and Roads (Amendment) Bill, we have drawn up administrative measures to address the Members' concerns that the shortened periods might be inadequate for the raising and resolving of public objections to a public works project. By implementing these measures in conjunction with the amendment Bill collaboratively, we will be able to speed up the delivery of public works while maintaining a reasonable period for the public to raise objections. We believe that these measures will provide sufficient safeguards to ensure a proper balance between expediting public works and adequate provision for public objections.

In our paper to be presented to the Panel for the meeting on 6 December 2002, we will also present further information by analyzing the nature and numbers of objections in past projects which will help illustrate why the shortening proposal is justified.

Yours faithfully,

(C M CHAN)  
for Secretary for the Environment,  
Transport and Works

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