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Subject WKCD - HK Alternatives

Dear Ms. Tsang :

Thank you for your telephone call and fax messages this afternoon. Our Ms. Karen Lok will send you the two pages on our WKCD proposals by e-mail as requested.

I would like to take this opportunity to send you a copy of my letter to the editor of SCMP in which I call to the attention of the Government officials and legislators that the proposed CANOPY can pose as a public health hazard. Since there is no sure way to disinfect the space under the canopy after the death of wild lives dwelling under the canopy, I believe that our legislators and Government officials should be told of the Potential Health Hazard this can be before they discuss the topic in the LEGCO.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Letter to the Editor (SCMP 13 July 2005)

Title : The WKCD Canopy Is a Potential Health Hazard

I would like to echo the call for the proposed WKCD CANOPY to be dropped as suggested in the editorial of the SCMP (July 8, 2005). The canopy will not only be prohibitively expensive and environmentally extremely unfriendly, but will also pose severe public health hazard, indeed a potential breeding ground for various pathogenic microorganisms.

The canopy blocks off the sun's ultra-violet light, which is the most powerful natural disinfectant. Moreover, as the area and space directly under this giant structure will be extremely humid during the early April to end of September period, the proximity will be plagued with significant moisture condensation on the outside wall of all the air-conditioned buildings and on the ground. And unfortunately, the moist breezes from the sea are not going to dry up the condensates, but will be another continuous source of moisture which will condense on all cool surfaces. This wet and warm environment is an ideal incubator for the growth of all forms of microbials.

Besides, insects, birds and rodents are free to come, breed and to die under the canopy, not to mention the domestic pets, being set free by the kind-hearted owners. How is our government going to disinfect the canopy area everyday? At this point, I would like to remind our government officials as well as Legislators that, by the laws of natural balance, most of the insects, birds and rodents which have come to the canopy are likely to multiply and most will die there as well, instead of migrating elsewhere.

The West Kowloon site commands a panoramic view of the Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong skyline, and doesn't need a canopy. Hong Kong needs an urban park. A park gets more attractive as it gets old. It doesn't cost much and is environmentally sustainable.