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Dear Mr Lau,

Hong Kong Wetland Park

At the Economic Services Panel meeting held on 22 May 2006, Members proposed that the Administration should consider banning smoking in the Hong Kong Wetland Park (HKWP), both indoor and outdoor.

In response to the above proposal made by Members, both the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau and the Economic Development and Labour Bureau have given policy support to the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau (HWFB) to include HKWP in Schedule 2 to the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005. HWFB has verbally advised the relevant Bills Committee of this position, and will put this proposed amendment to the Bills Committee for consideration at its meeting on 9 June 2006. If passed, HKWP (both its indoor and outdoor areas) will be designated as a no smoking area. Non-compliance would be subject to the penalty prescribed in the relevant Ordinance.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of Panel Members to this development.

Yours sincerely,

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