



LegCo Joint Panel Meeting: Concept Plan for Lantau

Supplementary submission

1. Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden (KFBG) welcomes the opportunity for further engagement in the concept plan for Lantau.
2. We regret that there has been no response to our previous submission from the Lantau Development Task Force or other representatives of the Administration.
3. Bearing this in mind KFBG has no additional information to add, but would refer LegCo and panel members to our previous submission. We will use the announcement of the landing point for the Hong Kong Zhuhai, Macau Bridge as an example to highlight our continuing reservations with the process and content of the Concept Plan (CP).
4. **Economic development will take precedence over conservation**
 - 4.1.1 San Shek Wan, the landing point for the bridge lies within or close to the gazetted Lantau North Country Park Extension (KFBG: 3.4.2a).
 - 4.2 “The Government is considering the timing for implementation of the designation proposal, taking into account the planned developments in Lantau and resource availability.” (CP: para D1), (KFBG: 4.3.2).
 - 4.3 How can this be justified if a sustainable Plan is a genuine goal?
5. **Selective fulfilment of previous promises made by the Administration**
 - 5.1.1 1999 Policy Address Para 134: “New Country Parks on Lantau in 2001”
 - 5.1.2 See pt 4.2 above
 - 5.2.1 In contrast the Logistics Park promised in the 2003 Policy Address is already going ahead (KFBG: 3.4.2b)
 - 5.2.2 So why is there such delay for designation of Lantau North Country Park Extension, when resources are available for the Logistics Park?
6. **Compromising procedures & professional standards of the Administration.**
 - 6.1 The landing point for the bridge was announced before completion of the environmental impact assessment (KFBG: 4.6.3)
 - 6.1.2 This puts great pressure on DEP to approve the EIA
 - 6.1.3 How does this statement influence the presentation of other options as required by the Technical Memorandum of the EIA Ordinance?
 - 6.3 What happens if the EIA is rejected? (like the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line)
 - 6.4 What is the landscape value for San Shek Wan Area? How will any loss be mitigated or compensated if this landing point is selected?