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Subject Restructuring of EPD

Dear Miss Fanny Tsang,
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Dear Miss Tsang

This email refers to the proposed paper on restructuring of the EPD to be discussed at the Legco on 18th May 2007.

When EPD was merged with ETWB a couple years ago, I objected to this merger at the Advisory Council on Environment (I was at that time serving as the Chairman of the EIA Sub-committee of the ACE). The rationale was that the ETWB should be responsible for policy whereas EPD was responsible for implementation and enforcement.

With the proposed re-structure, could the Government assure the community that the policy matter will be the responsibility of the Secretary whereas the implementation and enforcement will be undertaken by a Permanent Secretary with expert professional knowledge on environmental matters.

Regards
Otto Poon

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