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'Making a healthier future for the next generation through Eco-Education'

New Nature Conservation Policy:

For Attention of Mandy Poon LegCo EA Panel Secretary

Comments and Submission from Paul Melsom of EagleOwl On Lantau

1/Chinese White Dolphins conservation and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge development

A/ What is the status at the moment on the Environmental Impact Assessment on the Chinese white Dolphins for the New Zhuhai-Macau _Hong Kong Bridge?

B/ Why has this bridge been given the go ahead by the Hong Kong government when the EIA on the Chinese White Dolphins has not been completed?

2/Firebreaks in the Countryside

More fire breaks should be cut around grave sites to stop fires from burning into Country Parks in particular.

The Wang Tong grave site area above Mui Wo, Lantau Island is a good example of the Home Affairs department cutting an effective fire break to stop fires spreading into the North Lantau Country Park area.

Although it does need to be to be extended into the North Lantau Country Park.

Firebreaks will not only save the environment but will cut costs by reducing the need for helicopters and Fire services putting out fires.

3/Tree planting in Hong Kong

It goes without saying that too many Non Native trees and plants are still being planted throughout Hong Kong at the detriment to the local Wildlife. This is very evident in the New territory towns.

There needs to be a review and a radical change for planting native plants. You only have to travel on a bus anywhere in the New territories and all one sees is predominately non native trees and plants.

What you don't see is birds or butterflies? The over planting of Non native trees is damaging the ecology through out Hong Kong.