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BY EMAIL & BY POST

Dear Sirs,

Submission to Panel on Development  
"Planning for land supply in Hong Kong"  
Special Meeting on 19 September, 2018

I refer to the Special Meeting of the Panel on Development on 19 September, 2018 and would like to submit my humble views on "Planning for land supply in Hong Kong" for your consideration :-

- I respectfully agree with the Chief Executive that housing is the most important issue for the people of Hong Kong. Housing is 重中之重. Even with social and political implications; it has to be done and be done quickly and decisively.
- I find the public consultation paper cannot enhance consensus, it could even be considered as divisive. It is looking at the trees and forgetting the forest.
- Obviously there are plenty of land except they belong to or "are occupied" by different interest groups, or they are designated for different purposes than housing.
- Trying to prioritize the interest groups is controversial and will consume common sense, energy and goodwill.
- Rather than prioritize, the Administration should set up 18 task forces to charge on all fronts and get as much land as politically and financially possible from all options listed on the current public consultation paper.
- To build a substantial land bank for Hong Kong in the next 10, 20 and 30 years, the East Lantau Metropolis (ELM) is an option that is technically feasible and probably would receive least resistance, except from the green groups and the marine traffic. This should be the priority option.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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