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Dear

**Bills Committee on
Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2001**

The Institute supports the proposals to improve the regulation of excavations in unleased land by increasing the fine to \$50,000 and extending the control regime to bind the Government. As mentioned in the background brief, the problems caused by street excavation works have long been a subject of public concern. Any action from the Administration should be seen as a positive step towards reducing the undue delays in street excavation works. From our understanding, part of the causes of delay are due to the present contractual arrangement of road works with multi-tier system. It may be extremely difficult to enforce the proposed charging and penalty system.

Nevertheless, the Institute would definitely welcome that common utility trenches should be built for newly developed area. It is also important that an effective co-ordination mechanism should also be in place to improve collaboration among government departments, utility undertakers and contractors.

Thank you.

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