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*Dear Louis,*

**Land Titles Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 24 June. I note that we are in full agreement on the legislative intent of Clauses 81 and 81A, but that you still have some reservations about the drafting of these clauses.

With respect to the way forward –

- (a) the Legislative Council has asked the Administration to give undertakings that, if the Land Titles Ordinance is enacted in its present form on 7 July 2004, the Administration will :
- (i) review the Ordinance within the two years after enactment; and
  - (ii) consult the Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on any proposal to commence the Ordinance and before any commencement notice is published.

The Administration has also undertaken to the Law Society to work with them to address any subsisting points of concern before the Ordinance is commenced. In this context I am content to give the undertaking that we will address your remaining concerns over the drafting of Clauses 81 and 81A as part of the pre-commencement review; and

- (b) I would like to invite your legal advisers to meet my legal team to discuss your concerns and explore how these may be addressed.

*Yours sincerely*

( Kim Salkeld )  
Land Registrar

c.c. Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Attn: Ms Olivia Nip)  
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