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The Building Authority
Buildings Department
12/F, Pioneer Centre
750 Nathan Road
Kowloon

BY HAND

Dear Sir,

Legislative Council Brief
Buildings Ordinance (Chapter 123)
Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003

I refer to the proposal to amend the BO to introduce a new category of relatively simple and small-scale building works i.e. "minor works" carried out without approval from the authority by RMWC on his own or under the supervision of an AP and or /RSE without the submission of building plans for approval by BA. I find such proposal dangerous. How could law enforcement of a piece of legislation without first obtaining approval from the authority to alter the existing statutory status quo be carried out by a RMWC under administrative law?

2. Please let me have the details and examples of engineering failure for you to make the statement that the present status quo of AP or RSE who have chosen their own consultant to carry out geotechnical works is not satisfactory. Have they endangered the public in the present status quo?
3. How can you put advertisement works into minor building works without first declaring that the structure used as an advertisement is a building?
4. It is dangerous for a community to make silly law over existing law all the time like Chapter 502 due to misunderstanding and stupidity to cover-up the law-breaking in Garley Building Fire without providing a two hour compartment wall to separate two different uses of the building from office use to the industrial undertaking use (lift installation works). You just destroy the rule of law by adding silly law.

Yours faithfully,

B.W. CHOY

cc Legislative Council – Building Panel
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