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Dear Ms Yuen,

**LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works  
Follow-up to the Meeting Held on 23 March 2004**

At the special meeting held on 23 March 2004, the Administration undertook to report to the Panel on the setting up of an inter-bureaux/departmental working group on protection of rivers/streams from construction works.

To examine ways to further enhance protection of natural rivers/streams from adverse impacts arising from construction works, we have firstly requested all relevant bureaux/departments to take stock of the current arrangements including the related guidelines and approval systems that are in force. Based on the findings, we have drawn up improvement measures for further deliberation at the inter-bureaux/departmental meeting to be held later this month.

On ecologically important rivers/streams, AFCD will draw up a list of such rivers/streams based on existing available information later this year for circulation to other government departments for reference. The department will also speed up discussion with experts from local organizations

and tertiary institutions on the list of ecologically important rivers/streams and conservation measures, such as various conservation zonings, required.

To enhance protection of rivers/streams in general, we are also considering the issue of a technical circular on protection of natural rivers/streams from construction works. Departments would also be encouraged to draw up their own internal guidelines/circulars to incorporate safeguards and procedures for the protection of natural rivers/streams in their activities. In addition, workshops will be organized to enhance environmental awareness of government departments by publicizing good practices on planning and implementation of works projects.

Yours sincerely,



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