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Subject RE : Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011

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Dear Chairperson,

The Lion Rock Institute has grave reservations concerning the measures that the administration wants to implement with the passage of this bill.

In particular:

1. With public light buses having an injury and fatality record superior to motorcycles when measured in injuries/fatality per person per distance travelled.

We demand that on the basis of wanting the administration to be seen as rational in policy, the measure of adding speed limiters and data collection devices be first imposed on motorcycles before public light buses.

2. We would like the administration to explain, what are the contingency plans, if once these devices were fitted to public light buses, leading to substantial decreases in travelling speed, hence reducing the amount of trips a public light bus can make per time period, thereby creating a negative impact on overall passenger carrying capacity of Hong Kong's public light bus fleet, causing lengthening queues, shortages of seats and general anger.

3. We would also like the administration to explain why these massively intrusive devices needs to be implemented when far more cost effective and simply more effective safety devices such as seatbelts can instead be deployed. It would be most appreciated if the administration can dispel the theory that the failure to consider other safety devices is a direct result of policy conflict between the Transport and Environment bureaus.

We hope that members and the administration ponder the above three issues carefully, and we recommend that the contemplation be best done while waiting in a queue for a post midnight public light bus amongst passengers who just wants to go home as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

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