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Dear Mr Tse,

### **Peak Tramway (Amendment) Bill 2015**

Thank you for your letter of 24 July 2015 on the Peak Tramway (Amendment) Bill 2015 ("the Bill").

The two sites on which the termini of the peak tramway are located sit on Inland Lot No. 7977 on Garden Road and Rural Building Lot No.1104 at the Peak. Based on section 11B of the Bill, "essential premises" means *"any land, structure or building that is considered by the Chief Executive in Council to be essential to operating the tramway"*. As explained in our Legislative Council Brief (THB(T)CR 2/5591/75) and reply of 29 May 2015 to the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(4)1069/14-15(03)), "essential premises" mainly include the relevant parts of the two terminus sites on Garden Road and at the Peak, as well as the related premises on the two terminus sites essential to the peak tramway operation. These should cover, for example, the platform part and engine room but what "essential premises" will exactly cover will be agreed upon with the Peak Tramways Company Limited ("PTC") before the grant of the coming new operating right (after the passage of the Bill). This will become a term on which the operating right commencing 1 January 2016 is to be granted.

Copies of the land grants of the two lots can be obtained from the Land Registry or through the IRIS Online Services at [www.iris.gov.hk](http://www.iris.gov.hk). The land grant documents do not show the delineation of “essential premises”, which, as mentioned above, is to be agreed with PTC. Such delineation may be subject to updating from time to time in the light of possible changes of the operation of the peak tramway in future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Chang', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Carrie Chang)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing