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(Attn: Ms Shirley Chan)

Dear Ms Chan,

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2021 attaching a submission from a member of the public regarding the Proposed Way Forward of Ocean Park. Our response to the submission is set out below.

As set out in our paper submitted to the Panel on Economic Development (Paper No. CB(4)387/20-21(01)), currently, a number of attractions in the lower park area are coming into the end of their useful life in the next three to five years, including the Balloons Up Up And Away, Toto The Loco and Merry Go Round. We propose to phase out such facilities to free up space for creating a non-ticketed, free of charge, open air retail, dining, and entertainment (“RDE”) zone. For the aged thrill rides in the upper park area, such as Mine Train, Raging Rivers and The Dragon, we recommend phasing them out early after they have run out of their useful life to make room for new adventure-themed and wellness-themed zones. The adventure-themed zone would feature outdoor attractions which can leverage the natural topography and scenic view of the area while involving less capital investment, whereas the wellness-themed zone can provide space for wellness-themed activities.

To enhance the attractiveness of the Park, we announced in the 2018-19 Budget that a total of \$310 million would be allocated to support the Ocean Park in developing education tourism projects and staging a new 3D projection-cum-water light show with local elements, each accounting for 50% of the total funding. These two items are time-limited measures to be implemented in 5 years (2018-19 to 2022-23). The education tourism projects have been rolled out progressively since 2018. The Ocean Park Corporation (“OPC”) is using the funding from the Government to enhance the Park’s conservation education projects and create new education tourism projects, and establish a technology-driven and highly interactive STEAM education hub, which is expected to be completed by 2021. The OPC has also rolled out the night time multimedia light show in early January 2020. Nonetheless, the light show has been suspended since 26 January 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The OPC will closely monitor the development of the epidemic and relaunch the show at an appropriate time.

Regarding the Aqua City Lagoon for the light show, it is located in the proposed new RDE zone, which will also feature open air event spaces and a children’s play area, with playground and water play to be incorporated for children to have fun. The future of the Lagoon would depend on the development plans of private developer(s) who obtain the concession in future.

Yours sincerely,



( Anson Lai )

for Commissioner for Tourism