

Objection to remove the Cross Harbour Tunnel Co Ltd. from the list of electorates for the Transport Functional Constituency.

Transport Functional Constituency

We were surprised and disappointed to know that our Company had been proposed in the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999 to be removed from the list of electorates for the Transport Functional Constituency while our Company has been serving the Transport Sector for nearly 27 years and providing continuous support in the Transport Sector.

We strongly object such proposal submitted by the Constitutional Affairs Bureau for the following reasons:

1. It is too early and too soon to judge and wrongfully assume that our Company, The Cross-Harbour Tunnel Co., Ltd., will cease the entire operation in the Transport Function Sector after the expiry of the franchise of the Hung Hom Cross Harbour Tunnel on 31 August 1999.
2. It is also too early and too soon to judge and wrongfully assume that our Company, the Cross-Harbour Tunnel Co., Ltd., will not succeed in the tender bid of the Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Cross Harbour Tunnel. Bear in mind the tender will only be closed on 9 April 1999 and the announcement of the Contract to be awarded to the successful tenderer will be around June 1999. What would it be if we were the successful tenderer?

Unless the Government is 100% in certainty that our Company will never have any chance to succeed in this tender bid.

We found that the proposal is very discouraging. It discourages companies to continue to provide services to the public after the franchise expires.

Having been serving the Transport Sectors for nearly 27 years and the continuity of contribution and supports to the Transport Sector, we think we deserve some recognition and respect to have our Company's name in the list of electorates for the Transport Functional Constituency.