



Clerk to the Panel  
Legislative Council Panel on Development  
The Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

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Dear Sir,

**Panel on Development**

**Special meeting on Saturday, 8 December 2012 to receive public views on  
North East New Territories New Development Areas  
Planning and Engineering Study**

The Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment (HKIEIA) appreciates the Panel of Development's effort in soliciting public views on the North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study. Meanwhile, HKIEIA would like to put forward in writing the following views based on the available information with regard to the captioned study and wish the HKSAR Government could take them in account when formulating the planning and development framework for the captioned study:

1. How the alternative land use elsewhere had been considered in order to reduce the land intake/minimise impacts on the area with high ecological value. The HKIEIA suggests documenting and discussing the review mechanism in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) carefully.
2. The HKIEIA suggests exploring the benefit the wetland compensation proposal could bring to enhance the overall ecological value of the wetland in the proximity.
3. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to confirm how the new Air Quality Objectives are being reflected in the captioned study.
4. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to take consider the study in on a strategic level in terms of transport development. Besides improvement on the existing road system, other means of transport such as railway should also be considered to minimise the environmental impacts and enhance the accessibility.
5. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to confirm how the sustainability assessment is being carried for the study.

It is our mission and commitment to help building a greener a more sustainable Hong Kong through our professional expertise in technical EIA and EIA specific comments would be raised when the EIA Report is available.

Yours faithfully,

Henry Leung  
Chairman, Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment