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Dear Professor Lee and Members,

### Expert Panel Forum

HBF is concerned with the future of the harbour and the need for an integrated planning framework and we would like to submit the following points to the Expert Panel Forum:

- i. Transport planning should not take precedence over land use planning. Transport and other infrastructure does not dictate the future of the harbour.
- ii. Transport is an intrinsic part of city planning, measures to resolve existing and projected traffic problems should extend beyond traffic management and fiscal measures and approached from a problem prevention perspective via integrated city planning.
- iii. Given the presumption against reclamation it is import to make intelligent use of existing infrastructure. Any decision to build new transport infrastructure should only be taken when all viable alternative have been examined and exhausted.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of the Harbour Business Forum