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### **Tai Long Sai Wan Development – Development of pocket areas within Country Parks**

Honorable Chief Executive and Members of the Executive Council,

How will you protect the undisputed landscape value of Tai Long Sai Wan?

Tai Long Sai Wan is an international icon of Hong Kong's Country Parks. Pictures of Tai Long Sai Wan appear in every tourism brochure promoting Hong Kong and it is one of the most popular hiking, boating and surfing destinations for residents and visitors alike.

We urge Government to take immediate action to safeguard Tai Long Sai Wan:

1. To control the crossing of Sai Kung East Country Park with construction equipment and materials whether by air, sea or by land;
2. To prepare, approve and authorize a Development Permission Area Plan for Tai Long Sai Wan; or alternatively

3. To resume part or all of the private land to safeguard the public interest in preserving the landscape value of Tai Long Wan.

Failing to take immediate action is not an option.

Tai Long Sai Wan is part of a sad long list of sites which have substantially impacted the enjoyment, landscape and ecological values of Country Parks as a result of a lack of planning and development control: Ma Shi Chau, So Lo Pun, Sam Tam Lo, Lui Kung Tin and others.

Tai Long Sai Wan again proves the need for a comprehensive review of Government policies related to private land within or surrounded by Country Parks.

Resumption of these areas was avoided when the Country Parks were created. No significant development was foreseen and the lack of access was thought a sufficient barrier to frustrate development. However, times have changed and one should not wait for frustrated owners resorting to behaviour detrimental to the enjoyment of our Country Parks.

We therefore urge you to protect Hong Kong's unique natural heritage using all possible means:

1. To include private land surrounded by and adjacent to Country Parks but without stringent planning control in the ongoing program of Development Permission Areas (DPA);
2. To decide the land uses for each area so that they are consistent with the surrounding Country Parks;
3. To resume all private land deemed too valuable for any reasonable private development;
4. To restrict the crossing of Country Parks with construction equipment and materials whether by air, sea or by land;
5. To require an Environmental Impact Assessment Study for any and all development related works on land within and adjacent to Country Parks;
6. To establish an inter-departmental taskforce led by the Chief Secretary to resolve the land use and ownership issues of private land surrounded by and within the Country Parks.

In conclusion, we urge you to let Tai Long Sai Wan be the start of a comprehensive renewal of the Nature Conservation Policy in the same way King Yin Lei Mansion was the start of the renewal of our Heritage Policy.

Yours sincerely,

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