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## **Open Letter: Country Park Enclaves**

Honorable Chief Executive,

In your 2010-11 Policy Address you announced that prompt action would be taken to include 'enclaves' into country parks, or to determine their proper uses through statutory planning. We congratulate you on this decision which will benefit Hong Kong for many generations, and hope you will reconfirm this commitment in the 2011-2012 Policy Address.

As we celebrate the first anniversary of the publication of the list of 77 enclaves, DPA Plans have been prepared for 7 enclaves not already covered by statutory plans. In the meantime, development pressure including applications for land grants for New Territories Exempted Houses continues to increase. The longer it takes to implement the 'enclave policy', the higher the cost to society.

We urge you to accelerate the process of protecting all 77 enclaves through statutory planning or by including the enclaves into country parks before 10 August 2012, the second anniversary of the publication of the list of enclaves. We also petition you to immediately hold all processing of land grant applications for New Territories Exempted Houses in these enclaves.

Yours sincerely,

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