

[Press Release] Lung Mei Judicial Review set to proceed

The High Court has granted leave to Ho Loy, member of the Save Lung Mei Alliance, to apply for judicial review in relation to the artificial beach to be constructed at Lung Mei, Tai Po. Ho Loy is applying for judicial review of the decisions following the requests made to the Director of Environmental Protection and the Chief Executive in Council to cancel or suspend the Environmental Permit.

After hearing the parties' submissions on 12 August 2013, Loy's solicitors received orders from the Court in the evening of 30 October 2013 granting leave for Loy's application and requiring the Government to answer her complaint that the EIA report had not assessed the project's impact on seahorses. Loy has discussed the orders with her solicitors and has decided to apply for legal aid to continue with the judicial review proceedings.

Loy indicated she is happy when the leave was granted and hopes the government will stop all work at Lung Mei Beach until the judicial review is decided.

The Alliance urges government to explore alternative options for providing public bathing beaches along Tolo Harbour, and to consider the construction of a wetland appreciation centre with a board walk and a car park at Lung Mei to allow the community and visitors to enjoy the intertidal habitat without causing any damage.

The Alliance thanks the public for their support to-date.

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